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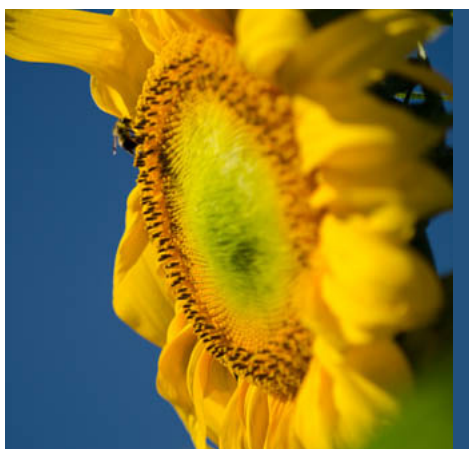

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Enrollment trends downward, but officials remain upbeat

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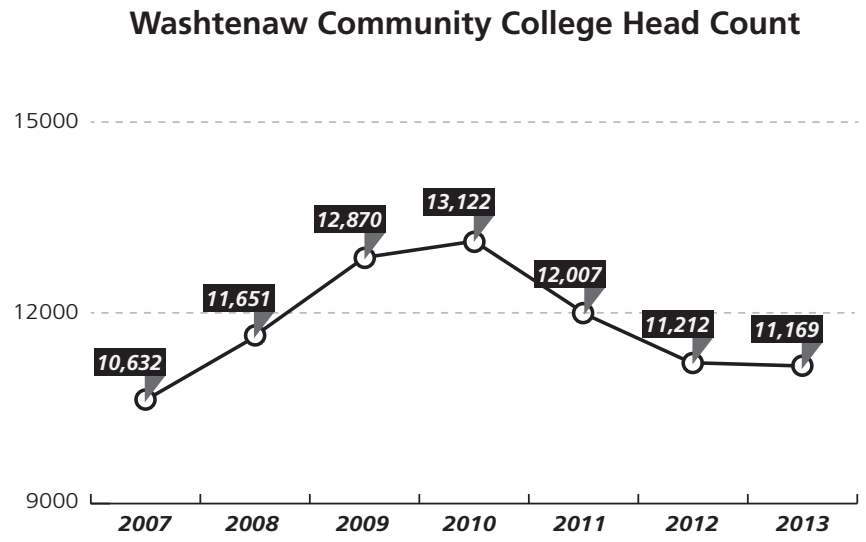
Managing Editor



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Washtenaw Community College's headcount and credit-hour enrollment heading into the Fall 2013 semester were down slightly from the same time a year ago, but college officials remain pleased considering what's happening at other institutions around the state.

One week prior to the start of fall classes, headcount was 11,169 with 99,858 credit hours registered compared to last year's headcount of 11,212 and 100,737 registered

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Memories take flight for veteran instructor after reuniting with Huey

KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Dale Throneberry, WCC communications instructor, posing with the Huey he flew during the Vietnam War in 1969 and Throneberry recently, posing with a Vietnam Era Huey he took a ride in during the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show.

By MARIA RIGOU
Editor

All eyes were on Dale Throneberry as he sat down on the left seat – *his* seat – ready to take flight once more on a Huey helicopter. He had a look on his face of a kid on Christmas morning and, at the same time of a man taking a moment to himself at the wake of an old buddy.

Clearly, this was a moving moment for a man who once piloted these machines, often under heavy fire, over the jungles of Vietnam.

"It was much more emotional than I thought it would be," said Throneberry, a communications instructor at Washtenaw Community College who rode on the Huey at the recent air show in Ypsilanti. "It was such a thrill to remember I used to fly one of these machines."

The Vietnam veteran took his last flight in April 1971 as an instructor pilot in Fort Rucker, Ala., almost two years after returning home from the war.

"It was an awesome experience to go back in time for just a little while," Throneberry said. "When I heard the Huey starting up it brought back all kinds of memories."

On April 8, 1969, Throneberry sat on that same left seat of a Huey helicopter on his first flight as an air commander, ready for battle.

He was assigned to the 195th Assault Helicopter Company "Sky Chiefs" and served from Dec. 12, 1968 to Dec. 11, 1969. "But who's counting," he joked. During his service he was shot down twice, but survived to tell his story.

"As we started to lift off, I kept seeing the faces of guys I had gone through flight school and served with in Vietnam," Throneberry said. "The smell of the fuel and the whine of the engine took me back over 40 years in an instant."

And this is only one scene of an amazing weekend early this month, when an estimated 40,000 people saw an all-star lineup of classic military aircraft, top civilian aerobatic pilots and realistic battle reenactments at the 2013 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show in Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti.

But even if thousands came and went, the main character was this particular WCC instructor. Even several weeks later, Dale Throneberry was smiling.

"I haven't come down from my Huey flight yet," he said.

Bellanca balances between effectiveness and efficiency

NATHAN CLARK THE WASHTENAW VOICE

President Bellanca addresses the board of trustees on last April.

Dr. Rose Bellanca began her third year on the job as president of Washtenaw Community College with a wide-ranging interview with Voice Editor Maria Rigou.

Nothing was off limits, and the president's answers were both candid and enlightening.

Washtenaw Voice: How do you feel about the state of the college? Complete the sentence: the state of the college is: _____?

Rose Bellanca: Really healthy. Very healthy. We're healthy financially. We have quality programs and services for our students.

We're a comprehensive college so we work very closely with people who are interested in non-degree work as well as with business and industry and our social service agency so I would say we are very healthy.

And the reason we are healthy is because we are growing and changing and any organization or any individual that changes as they progress through life is going to be healthy. The ones that won't be are those that stop growing.

WV: What are the main challenges? How have we been able to avoid the problems like Henry Ford Community College, which recently cut 14 administrative and faculty positions? Is something like that in our future? Are budget cuts still looming?

RB: I think the biggest challenge is that higher education has changed around the world. It's not the same as it used to be.

People can go and get an education anywhere... They shop around; they never used to shop around. They would say, 'I'm going here, I'm staying here, tell me what I have to do, give me my schedule and I will show up.' They don't do that now.

You know what they say now? 'Hmmm, who's gonna meet my needs?

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Washtenaw Community College by the numbers

As a new academic year begins, Washtenaw Community College proves to students, staff and faculty why they are still a top community college in the country. The numbers show a positive present and future for the college.

- 1,238 degrees and certificates – a record – awarded in December, an increase of 99 from the previous year
- 632 associates degrees awarded in May, the second highest ever
- 75 percent of WCC graduates reported being employed, 45 percent of them full-time, within six months after graduation (highest rate of employment since before the economic downturn in 2008)
- 93 percent of graduates reported working in a field related to their major
- 1 in 3 graduates transferred to four-year institutions within four years of their first semester at WCC
- 23 percent of students were enrolled in at least one online class last Winter semester; a total of 2,844 took online or blended courses last winter.
- 4,044 students enrolled in distance learning classes in the 2012-13 academic year, the most-ever and a 24 percent increase from the previous year
- 68,837 test administered by the Testing Center last year
- 6.2 percent of Washtenaw County's population is enrolled in WCC – compared to a 3.5 percent average market penetration rate in the nation
- 2.6 percent increase in state funding — the highest rate of all the 28 community colleges in Michigan, a number based largely on program completion rates, enrollment, tuition costs compared to administrative overhead and the strategic value of the institution to the community it serves.
- 50 and older – the new emerging market for community colleges as early retirees look to retool for Act II of their working careers
- Of the top 100 community college in the United States, Washtenaw Community College ranked
  - 10th in associate degrees in engineering-related fields
  - 15th in one-year certificates in all disciplines
  - 19th in precision production
  - 34th in computer and information systems-related degrees
  - 44th in education-related degrees
- $86,122 donated to the WCC Foundation by 151 of the college's full-time employees (27 percent) in 2012-13.
- $67 donated in each of 24 payroll deductions throughout the year pays for a $1,600 scholarship for a student

Source: Washtenaw Community College

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New Library Resources for Students and Faculty

A new One Search engine to cross-search library resources: database e-journals, e-books, library catalog books and media items, etc. Use the One Search box on the library homepage.

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- **The library catalog.**

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- **Business Insights: Global**
- **Demographics Now**
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WCC STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Day!
Tuesday, September 10
10a.m. - 3p.m.
Community Park
Enjoy a day of FREE fun while WCC welcomes students back for another great semester! The fun includes airbrush tattoos, wax hands, freebies, and much more!

Backyard Social
Wednesday, September 11
Noon- 2 p.m.
The fun just keeps coming! Enjoy games, ice cream, and awesome treats as we continue to welcome back our students for a great Fall Semester!

Ticket: Detroit Zoo Trip
Friday, September 20
Only $15
Take a walk on the wild side and join us for a trip to the Detroit Zoo! Tickets include van transportation, admission & tour, and food voucher!

Volunteer Fair
Thursday, September 12
11 a.m.-1 p.m. in front of the SCB
Be a hero!
Enhance your resume!
Gain leadership skills
Build your community
Feel good about helping others

Ticket: Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum Trip
Friday, October 18
Only $15
Go back in time and learn about important milestones in our history! Ticket includes van transportation, both museum admissions, and lunch at Mongolian BBQ!

Ticket: Cedar Point Halloweekends
Saturday, October 5th
Only $35
Join Student Activities with this spooktacular trip to Cedar Point during Halloweekends. Are you brave enough? Tickets include transportation, admission, and free non-alcoholic drinks!

Talent Show Auditions
Wednesday, October 9
6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Towsley Auditorium
Do you have talent that you want to show off? Prove it as the Talent Show auditions! Sign up at:
http://tinyurl.com/WCCTalentNOV2013

WCC Sports Upcoming Opportunities!
Tryout for a team:
-Baseball (men's) or softball (women's)
-Basketball (men's and women's)
-Ice Hockey (coed)
-Running (coed)
-Soccer (men's and women's)
-Volleyball (men's and women's)
-Wrestling (coed)

Or register for various intramural sports! For all info and registrations stop by SC116, call us at 734-973-3720 or email elemm@wccnet.edu.

Ticket: Kalahari Trip
Friday, November 8
Only $30!
Make a splash at Kalahari, Sandusky's indoor water park! Shoot down a slide, ride a wave, or relax on the lazy river. Tickets include motor-coach transportation, admission, and lunch!

Coffee Nights!
Every Monday and Tuesday, 5-6 p.m.
Various Locations
Stay awake during your evening classes with a FREE cup of coffee! Check the SDA hub for location details!

KEEP-IN-TOUCH With Student Activities!

Website: www. tinyw.cc/sda FB Page: "Washtenaw CC" Instagram: WCCSDA

Energy alert: Students can learn different ways of being sustainable

ROBERT CONRADI THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Joseph Wolf, 36, a welding and fabrication student from Ypsilanti, uses the AATA bus to get to and from his classes.

By MARIA RIGOU
Editor

The Sustainability Literacy Task Force is sponsoring a yearlong series of events and activities focusing on energy. The "Year of Energy" will officially start this fall, but there will be events carried out throughout the academic year.

The task force is formed by instructors from various departments with the goal of teaching students about environmental sustainability.

"The idea is to educate leaders for tomorrow who know about green

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Obama signs off on student-loan deal just in time for fall semester

By ALAINA O'CONNOR
Staff Writer

President Obama signed into law this month a bill that would lower federal student loan interest rates for millions of Americans. The compromise emerged after a long summer of heated negotiations.

"That's great news," said Holly Callahan a 25-year-old nursing student from Ypsilanti. "I'm all for anything that will save me some money."

Starting this fall, students will borrow at a rate of 3.9 percent for both subsidized and unsubsidized loans. Interest rates will top out at 8.2 percent for undergraduates and 9.5 percent for Graduate students.

The bill, signed Aug. 9, is good for

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KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

President Obama in Bowling Green, Ohio during his campaign trail for the election in 2012.

Plumbers celebrate a perfect fit

JAMES SAOUD THE WASHTENAW VOICE

U.S. Rep. John Dingell speaks at the Industry Day closing event with UA General President William Hite and WCC President Dr. Rose Bellanca.

By NATALIE WRIGHT
Features Editor

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry wrapped up their week of training at Washtenaw Community College on Aug. 14 with a celebration of Industry Day.

During the week, nearly 2,000 plumbers and pipefitters could be found all over campus, participating in training courses and touring WCC's facilities.

The closing event, which took place in a packed Towsley Auditorium, included speeches by UA General President William Hite, U.S. Rep. John Dingell, and WCC President Rose Bellanca.

The UA has been holding the annual instructor training program for 60 years. It moved to WCC 24 years ago, and it was the right move, Hite said.

"This is a special week for us," he said. The week of training and the partnership with WCC are "an important part of the legacy of the UA, and it's a proud legacy," he added.

The UA spends $250 million a year on training, because the future of the organization is in the hands of the instructors and the apprentices, Hite said.

"It's the best training in the world," said Keith McCarthy, 50, a business manager for a contracting company in Cincinnati. "Every year they bring something new. And the school just has a great set-up. We couldn't ask for more."

Dingell, the Dearborn Democrat, reiterated how important the alliance is between the UA and WCC.

"Your partnership ensures that Washtenaw County will always have skilled tradesmen," he said, "I want to tell you how important the work that you do is to us. It makes not only the U.S., but this corner of Michigan uniquely competitive."

Bellanca thanked the UA for the partnership, citing it as the reason for the college's "world-class facilities." She also shared with them the news that WCC student Alex Pazkowski recently won the national welding championship and placed second at the world competition this summer. This news was met with the loudest applause of the day.

After the event, the visitors were offered tours through the welding facilities and around campus.

Though many of the plumbers had been to WCC before, it was Chris Brodnick's first year, and he was very impressed with what WCC has to offer.

"You have just a wonderful training facility," he said, "That's important. It will help the trade for years to come."

SNIPS

Blacklaw a VP candidate at Delta College

Former Washtenaw Community College Vice President of Instruction Stuart Blacklaw is one of four finalists for VP of Instruction and Learning Services at Delta College.

Blacklaw was suddenly and controversially fired from his WCC position in March of 2013 in his third year with the college.

All candidates are required to deliver a presentation about the future of education. Blacklaw will present on Wednesday, Sept. 4, according to *The Midland Daily News*.

Books for charity

Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building will be host to the 61st Annual American Association of University Women Used Book Sale Sept. 6-8.

Since 1952, the AAUW Ann Arbor Branch has been dedicated to empowering women and girls by raising scholarship money for them to attend college. Last year, the sale raised $28,500, supporting five high school graduates to attend Washtenaw Community College.

Additionally, students were supported at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan through the Center for the Education of Women as well as Mary Markley Scholarships.

Twenty-seven AAUW Scholarships have been awarded since 1991 for a total of $95,000 according to Doreen Murasky, CEW scholarship manager and senior counselor.

Scholarships are awarded through each individual institution that is involved with the program.

Every year the AAUW-Ann Arbor spends about eight weeks collecting book donations. Types of literature available include children's books, biographies, cookbooks, foreign language, travel, art, history, mystery, crafts, newer fiction and non-fiction, first editions, and books of unusual interest.

The used book sale is open to the public and all proceeds from the sale are used for scholarships.

Sept. 6, 8-10 a.m.: early buyers and dealers, $15 admission fee; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.: free admission

Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.: free admission, all books 1/2 price

Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: free admission; fill a grocery bag for $8.

Copy Center hours

The Washtenaw Community College Copy Center, located in TI 236, will begin regular hours Aug. 26: Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Individual copies can be made at various coin-operated machines located throughout campus.

For more information, phone 734-973-3556. Copy request forms can be accessed online at: http://www4.wccnet.edu/resources/otherresources/photocopyservices

Library Resources

The library has recently added a handful of resources to its already expansive collection. These include a new One Search function, which allows students to search almost all of the library's resources, as well a plethora of business databases and e-reference publications, and a new subscription to Scientific American.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Student Development Activities will host a Blood Drive in the Student Center Community Room on Sept. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sign up in advance at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code WCC 13.

Tickets for the Renaissance Festival are on sale now at the Cashier's Office on the second floor of the Student Center building. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8.30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The WCC Welcome Day will be held in the College Park (nead BE and GM Buildings) on Sept. 10 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The event, sponsored by Student Development and Activities will feature stands by WCC clubs and organization as well as local vendors.

To see an updated calendar of Club Sports, please go to page B6.

SECURITY NOTES

Campus Safety and Security reported no crime in the period since our summer issue on July 22.

Washtenaw Community College works to be a safe college campus. In an effort to be proactive in creating awareness, the Campus Safety Department will be providing a series of Campus Safety Tips for students, faculty, and staff.

It should be noted that these tips apply to any public place including: shopping malls, special events, and even to places of worship.

General Safety Guidelines:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid isolated areas.
- Try to avoid walking alone at night. Walk with friends when possible.
- Call Campus Safety 734-973-3411 or 3411 from one of the college house phone for an escort if needed.
- Notify Campus Safety immediately of suspicious or criminal activity. Do not take any action on your own.
- If an emergency arises – a serious health issue, a crime or any situation in which you feel endangered – contact Campus Safety. There are phones located in all buildings across campus, as well as in several key areas outside.

If Walking Alone:

- Stay alert.
- Keep your mind on your surroundings, who's in front of you and who's behind you. Don't get distracted.
- Walk purposefully, stand tall, and make eye contact with people around you.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave.

Source: WCC Campus Safety Department

EDITORIAL

Calling all veterans: We want you!

In times like these, when economic strain is one of the main reasons why people stop attending college, Washtenaw Community College is making it easier for many more students to continue with their education.

This was evident by the unanimous vote by the college's Board of Trustees in its July meeting, when it changed residency restrictions for undocumented immigrants, active military and veterans.

Effective immediately, all veterans and active military (and their families) who move to Washtenaw County or anywhere in Michigan can attend WCC and pay in-district or in-state tuition, as opposed to having to wait six-months from the time of their move to be able to qualify for reduced rates.

Once again, Washtenaw is bending over backwards for those who served.

Last fall, the International Center was moved to its current location to make way for the Veterans Center, a place where student veterans – many of them fresh off combat tours – can find refuge with other vets, get guidance from a specially trained counselor, meet with VA reps, and generally get a big hand transitioning from soldier to civilian.

With so many veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, this is a resource that cannot be undermined.

But what happens?

Veterans seem hardly aware of all the immense number of resources this college makes available to them. Last year, Student Veterans Association President Lee Dawson and a few others struggled mightily to organize vets into a club to help them meet regularly and be able to talk freely with others who shared similarly unique experiences in service of their country. Most importantly, they could trade information on how to track down the many benefits they earned while in uniform.

The college also tried to open special classes for veterans only, in an attempt to bring them all together. The result: Cancelled due to low enrollment.

So with all these resources available to veterans, why is it that there is so little activism on their part?

Veterans, we are grateful for your service. And we're not asking for a lot now, other than to consider loosely organizing if for no other reason than to man a table at Welcome Day this fall just so the rest of us can stop by, shake your hand and thank you.

Trust us, this college with all its resources is here for you – like you were there for us. You're family here. Now use those resources.

And welcome home.

"... as I look back over a misspent life, I find myself more and more convinced that I had more fun doing news reporting than in any other enterprise. It is really the life of kings."

—H. L. Mencken

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I saw dead people – in our parking lot

KELLY BRACHA

The back door on a colorful semi-trailer sitting in the college's Parking Lot 7 opened... to a scene straight out of a B movie. An older gentleman wearing a surgical mask and holding a scalpel greeted me at the door, and as I looked past him to see other surgeons busy at work, he looked at me and asked, "you're not going to faint on me, are you?"

"Oh no," I assured him. "I'm used to this stuff."

I'm really not, but as a journalist whose job it is to go around knocking on doors like this to see what's going on, I'd better get used to it. Fast.

But no amount of training or experience could prepare me for what I saw in this truck. On this campus. In the middle of summer.

There, on each of roughly a dozen surgical tables, lay a half of a body – former living human beings with their spines exposed, legs missing, facing down. No EKG machines to monitor heartbeats and other bodily functions, obviously. No tubes or lines dripping life-sustaining fluids.

I was awestruck, and all I could think of to say was, "What are you guys up to?"

The four surgeons standing in the background, all hovered around a single cadaver, were looking at me with their expressionless eyes from the time the door opened. I couldn't tell if they were annoyed, with their mouths covered by masks, but it almost seemed as though they were as curious about me being there as I was about what they were doing.

The surgeon at the door explained to me that they rented out the parking lot for a spinal surgery practice station for Saint Joseph Hospital across the street from campus. University of Michigan med students were training.

I later searched Medtronic Catalyst (the name on the trailer) and read that these were mobile education centers. The company has a fleet of high-tech vehicles equipped with procedural/anatomical labs and conference areas that bring training and education programs to surgeons and other health-care professionals in various cities.

I asked several times, and then begged the surgeon who greeted me to let me take some photos. He assured me that if I did he would be terminated from his job.

I thanked him for talking with me for what felt like 10 minutes, during which he was very open to answering my questions. As I said good-bye, I gave one last scan around the trailer, which I now dubbed "The Cadaver Truck."

It was one very weird and seemingly insignificant and fleeting moment. But it was exhilarating, too.

Help: Desperately seeking my passion

ALLIE TOMASON

I opened my Facebook page recently to find a post from a college chum that read: "My goal is not to wake up at 40 with the bitter realization that I've wasted my life in a job I hate, because I was forced to decide on a career in my teens."

Talk about getting hit right between the eyes. I've wondered my entire life what my true passion is. So imagine my disdain when, at age 42, I realized Facebook had me pegged.

I did hate my job. I was not passionate about it at all. But it paid the bills, and isn't that what it's all about anyway?

Some say yes. Some say I'm lucky to have a job at all, and considering I have three other mouths to feed and this crummy job market, that might be true.

Nonetheless, I can't imagine punching a clock for 40 hours a week doing that, even if the kids aren't complaining. Too much.

It wasn't until I attended college for the second time and changed my major three times that I figured it out.

If I only knew, then, what I know now.

But now I have responsibilities that I can't shirk. Stuck in a career that I'd just as soon ditch, I struggle to maintain the facade.

Meantime, I can't help but think that we're all sold a bill of goods about how we must work, pay taxes and die, because that's life. Oh, and we must have the educational background to get one of those really good jobs – and be successful at it.

If that is true, we should pursue our passions—especially since we're paying good money for them—and in many cases going way to far into debt in the process.

What is your passion? And how are we supposed to know when we're visiting those guidance counselors at age 17? Really? For the rest of our lives we're supposed to know then, and start investing in an expensive education?

As summer fades into a distant memory and classes begin, this is a question every college student should ask and ultimately answer.

The looming economy and desperate job market have been forcing it. It's become a take-what-you-can proposition.

When I came back to school, the possibilities were flexible, then the rules for financial aid recipients changed. Choose a program and stick with it is the mantra now, and sampling the educational buffet (career exploration) is a thing of the distant past.

Of course making a living is necessary, but make sure you build your dreams on something you think you can live with for the rest of your life.

Otherwise, you might wake up one day, like me, and Facebook tells you that time has slipped away from you and you have to catch up.

A note from the president: 'Welcome back!'

DR. ROSE BELLANCA

I absolutely love this time of year. The energy on campus is building, but that doesn't mean we have been idle all summer. In fact, we have been working on changes to make your WCC experience the best it can be – whether you are here for the first time, or returning to campus after your own summer break.

I am excited for you to see the Towsley Auditorium, where many student performances and activities take place. The auditorium underwent major renovations, including new LED lighting and a completely repaired and

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An open letter from the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees

The following undated letter was posted on the college's website recently.

The Board of Trustees for Washtenaw Community College is charged with many responsibilities that we accept as part of the solemn trust the voters of Washtenaw County have placed in us, and as part of our commitment to public service. We volunteer as Trustees for WCC because we believe it plays a vital role in the education and training needs of the communities, schools and businesses it serves, and each of us is deeply committed to this College.

While each of the Trustees has individually made responsive comments during the last two regular board meetings, a written response from the Board Chair is appropriate.

We applaud our faculty members for all they do to help ensure that educational excellence is at the heart of all we do. We have listened very carefully to the concerns that have been raised by some faculty members concerning their desire for more communication from President Bellanca and for more collaboration on decisions that they believe affect them.

We are also mindful of our responsibility to look objectively at the issues, initiatives and opportunities that President Bellanca brings to us, and to consider our counsel to the President very carefully. We are very involved and well-briefed on key decisions that are made, and have authorized and approved those decisions.

We have also look very carefully at the evidence of President Bellanca's leadership, performance and collaboration since her appointment as President 19 months ago. We are very aware that she has attended nearly 400 meetings with executive leadership, faculty, deans, chairs the liaison team, union representatives, students and external constituencies including members of business, industry, education, non-profit organizations and members of the community. This number excludes the meetings that she has had with her other direct reports. There is clear evidence of her efforts to communicate and collaborate.

We have also seen the achievement of important initiatives that are vital to the school's ability to move toward and remain strong and relevant in the years ahead. These achievements include the completion of the college's comprehensive strategic plan, the first for WCC since 1998, an effort that included 160 faculty, staff and student participants and 125 external participants, leaders from business, industry, education, non-profits, senior citizens and alumni. It includes the award of a $2.9 million dollar Department of Labor grand and the recommendation for the funding of a prestigious NSF grant. It includes re-engaging of the K-12 superintendents to offer high school students college-level classes. It is important to note that President Bellanca is always the first to acknowledge the level of collaboration and contributions of the faculty and others across WCC in the accomplishment of these and other notable achievements.

The WCC Board of Trustees is committed to remaining actively engaged with the President and involved with key decisions. We are award of additional initiatives she has planned to further increase communication and to invite collaboration from faculty and staff members. We are confident that the combination of continued strong performance from President Bellanca and her ongoing efforts to work with the college's faculty and staff members will help to ease some of the discontent we have seen in recent weeks, and allow us to work together to accomplish the important work ahead.

The Board, the administration, and the faculty and staff all share a primary concern for the best interests of the students, the College and the community. The Board looks forward to a future focused on student success and to working together in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Anne Williams
Board Chair

Inaugural 'Xpress Registration' called a success

BY DAVID FITCH
Staff Writer

Hundreds of parents, students and Washtenaw Community College staffers flooded the campus on a Saturday last month for WCC's first ever "Xpress Registration" event. The event was an extensive cross-campus collaborative effort to make it easy for students to complete registration and get ready for taking classes.

"This is a day that we just focus on getting students through the process," said Larry Aeilts, Dean of Enrollment Management, who was one of the key organizers of the event.

The occasion gave students the opportunity to complete everything that they needed do before the tuition freeze ended on Aug. 1. Among the services offered were academic counseling sessions, enrollment help, FAFSA assistance, as well as loan counseling. Students could also attend orientation and take a campus tour.

"I thought it was going to be a lot more confusing, but it was pretty straightforward," said Josiah Bruner, 15. Bruner, of Ypsilanti, plans to study computer science at WCC.

Invitations were extended to individuals who had started, but not finished registration. The event was technically open to those not invited, but they were not marketed to specifically.

"I think that connections were made that may not be made if someone goes through the normal process," said Aeilts.

The sunny July sky acted as a fitting backdrop for the day's activities. Event staffers, wearing bright green WCC shirts, were everywhere helping with paperwork, answering questions and providing moral support.

Rhodene Mullings, 21, pre-nursing, expressed her happiness with the service of the WCC staff.

"They're patient... They try to give you their time and service," she said.

Friendly WCC student ambassadors searched diligently for anyone needing a tour. Their mood was contagious.

"Everyone seems pretty excited," said Christina Buzas, the New Student Orientation Manager.

And the event was not just for students. It was not uncommon to see parents sitting together in support of their children. And they were not forgotten.

They were in good hands.

The Community Room in the Student Center was used as a "parent lounge" where they could relax while their children went off to their various activities. A separate parent orientation was also offered.

After the event, Aeilts expressed satisfaction with how the day went.

A few numbers on the event are as follows: 217 people who had registered for the event attended and checked in; 167 students took Compass tests; and 232 people attended advising sessions.

College officials were pleased with the event.

"I think it was very successful," said Aeilts, adding that he heard "very positive remarks from both parents and applicants."

He also noted that "not all students are interested in doing it (registration) in one day."

The college plans for another similar event to take place in December, Aeilts said.

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DAVID FITCH THE WASHTENAW VOICE

A sign outside the Student Center directs students to the central hub of registration activities.

TAKE FIVE

Here at *The Voice*, we are always looking for answers. Who is out there? What is on their minds?

We wanted to get to know the students of WCC a little better. So in this issue we're introducing our new "Take 5" series in which we stop a random student and ask them some random questions.

JAMES SAOUD THE WASHTENAW VOICE

BY DAVID FITCH
Staff Writer

Roaming the rooms and corridors of Washtenaw Community College two weeks before school, one does not find many WCC students.

So we were thrilled to find Briana Cooper, 19, of Ypsilanti, as she patiently sat waiting near the Career Services desk in the Student Center. She graciously allowed us to get to know more about her by answering some random questions.

Washtenaw Voice: What are you looking forward to and not looking forward to in the coming semester?

Briana Cooper: I'm looking forward to the classes and teaching me about my major and the student life and meeting people, and I hope it's not boring.

WV: What's the craziest thing that happened to you this summer?

BC: I'm a really boring person, so, really, nothing really crazy happened to me lately... Oh, ok. I work at Burger King and people get mad and throw their food on the counter, like three times.

WV: In your opinion, is the media largely biased?

BC: Yes I do believe that the media is biased... I think that the media is biased because they just want people to read what they have to say, and if the truth isn't entertaining, they flip it around to make it more entertaining.

WV: Batman or Spiderman?

BC: Spiderman... because he can climb up walls with his hands... and he can shoot webs.

WV: If you could only take one item with you onto a desert island, what would it be?

BC: I would take a boat.

For more of the interview, be sure to check out *www.washtenawvoice.com*.

Board lowers rates for 'DACA-mented' individuals

BY MARIA RIGOU
Editor

Aketzaly Ramirez-Lopez was 4 years old when she was brought into the United States by her parents.

"This means hope," Ramirez-Lopez said of a recent decision by Washtenaw's Board of Trustees. "It means that we are moving forward, it is a step towards equality."

The now-19-year-old psychology and political science student from Ann Arbor had to work two jobs to help pay for her tuition. And sometimes that wasn't enough.

In a unanimous vote, the board approved changes to the school's residency requirements that make it easier for some undocumented immigrants and veterans to get higher education, effective immediately.

The new policy was passed during the July 23 meeting. It allows individuals who attend Washtenaw Community College and who live in Washtenaw County or Michigan and who currently qualify for the federal government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to receive in-district or in-state tuition rates, compared to out-of-country rates they were paying.

Vice Chair Patrick McLean said that this is an issue that has a war imperative.

"People have dreams and aspirations," he said. "We want to be a community that opens their arms to immigration."

The change also allows active-duty military, veterans and their dependents to receive in-district tuition as soon as they move to Washtenaw County, or in-state tuition as soon as they move to Michigan. Before, military, veterans and their families had to wait six months to qualify for reduced tuition rates.

Undocumented immigrants who reside in Washtenaw County paid $194 per credit hour – the highest per-credit tuition rate – and now they can pay $96 per credit hour if they qualify for DACA status.

The DACA status defers deportation for qualifying individuals for up to four years and provides them with a Social Security number, but it does not provide them lawful status in the U.S.

Gabriel Recendiz, an 18-year-old nursing student from Ann Arbor, said that he is excited, and that it's not just him.

"There are (people out there) that don't attend school just because of the prices," Recendiz said. "We can now show them that it is possible to be a leader."

This vote came after the University of Michigan's Board of Regents approved in-state tuition rates for all undocumented immigrants who attended Michigan middle and high schools. Regents also approved in-state tuition rates for all military and veterans.

Charo Ledon, an organizer for Casa Latina, an organization that promotes and supports full participation of Latinos in the community, met with Linda Blakey, WCC's vice president of Student and Academic Services and McLean, to initially discuss this topic last year.

McLean agreed to help the group and asked administrators to look into a change. Administrators brought the board a proposal in June.

"This particular policy change will only affect DACA," Ledon said. "There is still more work to do, but (the fact that) trustees also think this way makes me hopeful."

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DACA status individuals show support for tuition equality at the Board of Trustees meeting on July 23.

Individuals who meet the following criteria can apply for DACA status:

- are under 31 years of age as of June 15, 2012;
- came to the U.S. while under the age of 16;
- have continuously resided in the U.S. from June 15, 2007 to the present. (For purposes of calculating this five-year period, brief and innocent absences from the United States for humanitarian reasons will not be included);
- entered the U.S. without inspection before June 15, 2012, or individuals whose lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
- were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making the request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
- are currently in school, have graduated from high school, have obtained a GED, or have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard or armed forces;
- have not been convicted of a felony offense, a significant misdemeanor, or more than three misdemeanors and do not pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Source:
www.immigrationequality.org

Voice Box

INTERVIEWS & PHOTOS BY **DAVID FITCH** *STAFF WRITER*

A lot goes into a decision about which college to attend, and that prompted us to ask students around campus: "Why Washtenaw Community College" Here's what we learned:

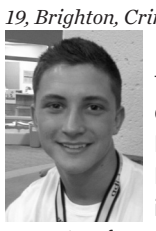
NATE HOATLIN
18, Dexter, Automation Technology

"I chose WCC because it was close to home, I really liked the campus, and it just was an excellent school all around, and I definitely liked the price too… All around, it was a good fit and a good option for me."

LOGAN MCELLIGATT
19, Brighton, Undecided

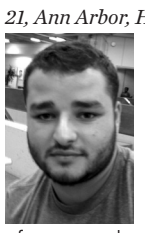
"I liked how they offered classes in Brighton and Hartland, since it was really close to home, and I just heard that it was a really great school, so, why not?"

ZACK COYKENDALL
19, Brighton, Criminal Justice



"It was close, they offered classes in Brighton and Hartland, so it was pretty convenient for me, and I think it's just smarter to start out at a community college and then transfer to a university."

HASSAN MIZUREE
21, Ann Arbor, Health Administration



"Because it's cheaper than most other colleges and transferable credits, and it's a really nice campus… It's a diverse school—a lot of programs here, a lot of options of classes that you can take. Counselors are really helpful."

BRITTANY HAMPTON
23, Detroit, Hotel and Restaurant Management

"Mainly just because I have a couple of general ed. classes to take, and it's way cheaper here than at Eastern."

CHRIS ROBBINS
18, Clinton Township, Music

"Because it's close to Ann Arbor, which is a great college town, they offer sound engineering program which is pretty uncommon, and it seems like a nice campus."

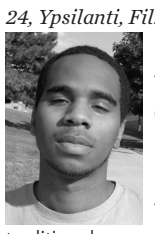
RYAN HOPPE
25, Ypsilanti, Computer Security

"I've actually gone to a couple of different community colleges, just moving around and everything and I have to say that this one is run the most efficiently as far as just classes, financial aid, and everything goes… The teachers by far have been the best that I've had anywhere… It's definitely the perfect way to start into a career or an education."

TAMIA WALLS
39, Ypsilanti, Criminal Law

"Because it's the community college that's in this area, and that it's one of the top-rated schools in America, and I had to finish or start my education so I started at Washtenaw for the cost and then transfer to save money… Also, it's a really good school, really good teachers"

IVORY HARRIS
24, Ypsilanti, Film Studies



"I really like the energy that the campus gives off. And community colleges often have a lot more up-to-date resources than you see at a lot of traditional, expensive, four-year colleges… And I just love learning outside the classroom. I've always been big on learning on my own time as well as learning inside the classroom, so I think that Washtenaw is the perfect place to do that."

WCC provides 'active shooter' response training for employees

By ALAINA O'CONNOR
Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College faculty and staff members gathered for a presentation by the Washtenaw County Sherriff's office on Thursday, Aug. 22 to learn what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus.

The training was held at the Towsley Auditorium and introduced ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Information, Counter, Evacuate), the five–step method for responding to a potential shooter.

"If something happened today, where would you go? What would you do?" said Derrick Jackson, director of Community Engagement at the Washtenaw County Sherriff's Office. "Thinking about these things ahead of time will help you when a crisis arises."

This is where ALICE comes into play. It was developed in response to the Columbine High School massacre, which occurred on April 20, 1999 and cost the lives of 12 students and one teacher, with dozens more injured.

"We've never trained like this before, " said Jackson. "What we learned from Columbine is that we won't stage and wait. Now, we're going in, walking over the wounded, taking out the shooter and clearing rooms."

So, what should student and employees do if there is an active shooter on campus?

"The first step in ALICE is to take stock of your surroundings and stay alert at all times," said Sgt. Beth Gieske, who assisted Jackson with the training. "What does the shooter look like? What is he wearing? Is he tall? Wearing a hat? These are the kind of details that law enforcement need to know."

The next step is lockdown. This is when victims secure a room by barricading the entrances with any objects they can find. If the door swings outward, use a belt to secure the handle and tie it to something.

"This does not serve as a complete stand-alone strategy," Gieske adds. "Victims should seek other options, like going out a window or a fire escape."

The third step is to inform and is a continuation of the first step. Jackson said that it's important to provide real-time information to law enforcement, which allows for good decision-making.

Next, to counter. This serves as a last resort if there are no other options. Countering is not about attacking the shooter, but more about confusing and frustrating him. Counter tactics include throwing objects, using noise, creating movement, distance and distractions.

"In order for this tactic to work effectively, victims need to be aware of the 'OODA' loop," Jackson said. "Observe, orient, decide, act. This can buy enough time for victims to get away."

The final step is making sure that victims have the ability to evacuate. This step removes as many potential targets as possible.

"What does a shooter do when there are no more victims to shoot?" Jackson asked. "They turn on themselves."

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refinished stage. Please also take note of how professional and well-cared for our grounds are, thanks to our meticulous grounds maintenance crew who planted more than 15,000 annuals this year.

To help you navigate campus more easily – and get to class on time – a new AATA bus stop at the intersection of Parking Lot 7 and the parking structure will be operating this fall. And, in between classes, you will now find more food options on the first floor of the Student Center. The ever-popular Subway is still there, but is joined by new neighbors. The Java Spot offers gourmet coffee, baked good, salads and sandwiches. At the former Edibles location, our new vendor offers Cottage Inn Pizza, Beyond Burgers and Mexican food. It will also rotate menu items from local restaurants including Byblos Café and Grill, Café Spice, Panda Express and AFC Sushi.

As the semester gets under way, don't forget that we have added more classes that start as late as Oct. 23. So there's still time to squeeze one more class into your busy schedule. We are also committed to continuing to expand our online degree offerings to help you achieve your academic goals.

I truly hope you enjoy your fall semester at WCC. We are happy to have you here.

Rose B. Bellanca
President

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Where can I go? I could get this online... I wanna do it this way, I wanna do it in six weeks, I wanna do it in 12 weeks, I wanna do it in 15 weeks.'

It is different. So when things are different, it means you have to have change, and change is scary. Winston Churchill said that the best way to make enemies is to initiate change. So that's the hardest part. And doing it in a way where everyone feels like they are part of the process so it's not imposed on anybody. Where they feel safe, they don't feel threatened. That's a challenge. That's a real challenge. I would say that's the biggest challenge. And the other is to continue bringing in revenue in different sources, both federal and at the state level, because that impacts your tuition. So resources are really key.

We never had budget cuts. We haven't. We're not going down the path of HFCC. That's not going to happen with me as president. That is not going to happen. And that's the challenge. We're not going to be in that position, because we are going to strategically plan, because that is what a strategic plan is all about. It's about getting ahead and figuring out where we need to go to get there. So no, we're going to keep on bringing in revenue... I'm very confident that we are not going that way. At least while I'm here. That's my commitment.

WV: What have you learned from your first two years here? Obviously, it hasn't been easy.

RB: No, it never is. I learned a lot. When you are a new president, you have to get to know each other, and so if they've never heard this message before, it's no one's fault and you never know how they interpret things. You have to work though people's filters. So, I think when you are a new president, you have to work together to figure out a way you can trust each other. You have to learn how to communicate effectively.

And I would say that the challenge was learning how to communicate effectively, and I take responsibility for my part in that. But it wasn't intentional, it's just because I really didn't realize, but now I do. And I'm just going to keep trying. It doesn't mean that everyone is going to be happy, but it just seems so simple, so simple that I think 'how could I have not gotten that?'

For example, with the strategic plan, the faculty kept saying 'we only have one-eight of the plan,' and I couldn't understand why they kept saying that because I'm thinking 'you have to be kidding. You have like 30 objectives that you wrote down, how can you say you only have one-eighth?' And they kept saying that. It took me all this time to figure out that the reason they were saying that is because we were trying to be efficient.

When I realized it, it was like 'Oh my God, how obvious, how obvious!' So sometimes we want to be efficient, and that's a mistake, to be only efficient because you have to be effective. Just like it's a mistake to only want to be effective, but not efficient. So I would say I erred on the side of efficiency rather than effectiveness in communicating my message.

I also hope that they have learned on how to work for effectively with me, because it's a two-way street.

WV: How would you describe your relationship with the faculty today?

RB: I think we respect each other... I hope people want to share their opinion. I think there is a difference between sharing your opinion and giving your input and being rude or unprofessional. I think there is a big difference. I always welcome... I want to hear. I think there is a big difference. I think they do a great job. I do, I do. They all do. They all do a great job in meeting the students' needs... I feel pretty good about it. I hope I am not being naïve, but I have... Some people can't let things go, some people can't learn a lesson...

I want to have a great environment for people to work here. I don't want them to work in fear or in... I don't want that. I want them to have as much fun as I do with my team. We have a great time working here. We work hard, but we laugh a lot. I want them to love it, too. I don't want anyone to ever say, 'I'm going to work.' I want people to say, 'I'm going to school.' I don't come to work, I come to school. It's different. It's not work. It is but it isn't. I couldn't imagine waking up in the morning and hating it.

WV: What have you learned from your experiences from last year with the faculty, losing some VPs, having to bring two more in?

RB: I didn't lose VPs. I didn't.

WV: Is the executive team where you want it now?

RB: Yes. At our meetings, they know that no one on the executive team can throw anyone under the bus. So when they come to our meetings, they say what they want to say and everyone has an opportunity to ask questions or to say, 'I don't really think it's a good idea' or whatever. And it doesn't mean that it's because we don't think that person is great. It's just so good to hear the exchange. We play devil's advocate... They start asking questions, hard questions. And a lot of times those questions change our minds. I don't want groupthink where everyone's all, 'oh, good idea.' I expect that when I'm in those meetings, that even though I'm the president, that they do that with me. That is just so important... Once we agree, we agree.

WV: How did it feel, after everything that happened over the past year, when the trustees voted unanimously to extend your contract – and also gave you a public show of support that included an open letter that is on the website? (See Page A-4.)

RB: I work for them. So, everything I do, it's based on the direction that they have given me. In terms of why they hired me, that profile, that is how they evaluated me... They took that profile that they used to select me and then went through every one of those things. So, I'm doing what the board hired me to do.

I was so grateful that they also had the courage to say, because it was tough for them, too. It was very tough, that they had the courage to say, 'look, we hired her. This is what we want her to do, she is doing what we have asked her to do, and we support her. And by the way, this is what you asked for, so we went out and hired somebody that you gave the input on what you wanted in a president, so why is this happening.'

I'm so grateful, and it's because of them that they give me the confidence to keep doing the best possible job that I can. I don't want to be callous. What I mean by that (is) I learned a lot from last year, (but) it was not 100 percent right. I learned a lot, and I'm not going to stop that. I'm going to keep listening and figuring out how to do things. But I'm so pleased for their support.

For the complete interview, including Bellanca sharing her thoughts on what she's most proud of over the past two years, her feelings about the glass ceilings women face in the workplace, her role models growing up in an immigrant family – and her favorite Italian restaurants, visit The Voice *online at www.washtenawvoice.com*

Adjuncts ratify contract extension

By MARIA RIGOU
Editor

The Board of Trustees approved the extension of the adjunct faculty union contract for one more year, which gives part-time faculty a raise of 2 percent salary increase, in keeping with the full-time faculty and other employees across the college.

Members of the union voted overwhelmingly in favor if the extension, union President Jennifer Baker said.

"This was highly supported (by the members of the union)," said Baker. "For this financial climate, (the raise) is quite good."

More than 100 unionized part-time faculty members will be receiving this raise. A new contract will be negotiated again at the end of the academic year.

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issues," said Emily Thompson, biology instructor and task force member.

"In 2007, then-president Larry Whitworth signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment," said Dale Petty, an industrial technology instructor who is also part of the task force. "That's when WCC committed to pursuing climate-neutral practices."

Members of the task force are focused on building ecological awareness across various disciplines, and that is why they have organized a calendar of events to highlight it.

The 2013-14 academic year was dubbed the "Year of Energy" due to the recent fracking concerns in the state of Michigan. This made members think of the possible ways that students get their energy and the sustainability issues that arise from that.

Activities range from building paper airplanes, to workshops on how to maintain a low-carbon diet, a book club and a sustainable dinner and a movie, among other events.

The capstone event, which will take place in November, is a panel featuring local experts in several fields who will discuss energy solutions for a sustainable world and how to implement renewable energy.

"This year, we branched out and asked instructors for help," added Thompson. "The goal is to educate everyone about sustainability issues revolving around energy."

"Our intent in bringing a sustainable sensibility into the curriculum is that everyone going to WCC will experience some component of it as a course requirement, even in their computer science and government classes," Petty said in a press release. "The idea is that every student educated at Washtenaw Community College will know about sustainability and climate science."

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority will be in campus on Sept. 10 for Welcome Day, distributing bus schedules in order to educate students on alternative forms of transportation.

"If we get people out of their cars, then they will use less energy," said Thompson. "(We are hoping) that students also sign up for the Moving Planet Day Competition (in late September) and come to school a different way, to reduce carbon emissions.

"If you save energy, you save money."

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all students through the 2015 academic year and as many as 11 million undergraduate students are expected to save up to $1,500 on interest charges.

In the short term, the measure most directly benefits students who receive the majority of their loans unsubsidized – loans awarded to those who have incomes too high to demonstrate a financial need, but not high enough to pay directly out-of-pocket.

"I'm married. My husband works 50-hours a week as a line cook for minimum-wage, " said Amanda Taylor, 21, from Ann Arbor who is finishing up her early childhood development associates degree and hopes to open her own daycare. "We live paycheck-to-paycheck, but the majority of my loans are unsubsidized.

"When I'm finished with school, he wants to go into the culinary arts program. Our budget is really tight. Saving money on interest will help us pay things off that much faster," she added.

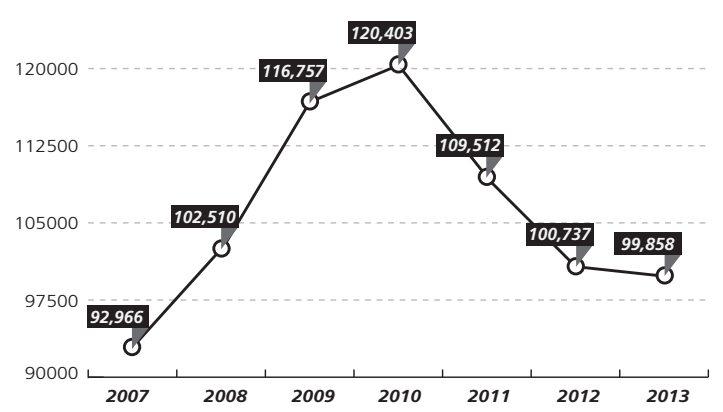
Student loan rates doubled to 6.8 percent on July 1,when Congress failed to act on a measure that would keep interest rates below 4 percent. The new legislation links loans to the 10-year Treasury bill and the Congressional Budget Office estimates the measure would reduce the deficit by $715 million over the next decade.

"For me, it's all about tuition prices," said Teresa Norwood 19, from Ypsilanti, who plans to transfer to Eastern Michigan University for a teaching degree.

"I want to go to Graduate School at some point, but it all depends on the cost."

So, the fight continues. In a speech on the economy at Knox College on July 24, President Obama promised to "lay out an aggressive strategy to shake up" higher education and reign in tuition costs over the next several months.

Washtenaw Community College Credit Hours 2007-2013



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hours.

According to Linda Blakey, vice president of Student and Academic Services, those numbers are looking pretty good – comparatively.

"There are a lot of community colleges that are having double-digit decreases," she said. "I think we are anticipating about a 1 percent decline across our credit hours, although we are expecting an increase in our distance learning – and we are having that increase."

In early 2011, with headcount surpassing 14,000, then-President Larry Whitworth predicted "enrollment continuing to rise in the future to about 15,000 within the next three-to-five years." But two years later, enrollment remains on a downward trend.

There are multiple reasons. Michigan's economy has rebounded, and more people are finding work, taking them out of the classroom. Also, Blakey noted, recruiting is a challenge because there has been a decline in high school population as well as in the state's overall population.

"There's, I think, 107 accredited institutions in the state of Michigan that are competing for students," Blakey said, adding that the college's official census date is Oct. 10. "I'm hoping we can stay in the decline of just the 1 percent, possibly."

Two important factors helped to strengthen enrollment numbers this fall, Blakey said. Students responded favorably to registering by Aug. 1 to take advantage of the tuition freeze, allowing them to pay for classes at last year's rates.

And the college's inaugural Xpress Registration Day was well-received, with more than 200 students visiting the campus and meeting with advisers to learn about opportunities at Washtenaw.

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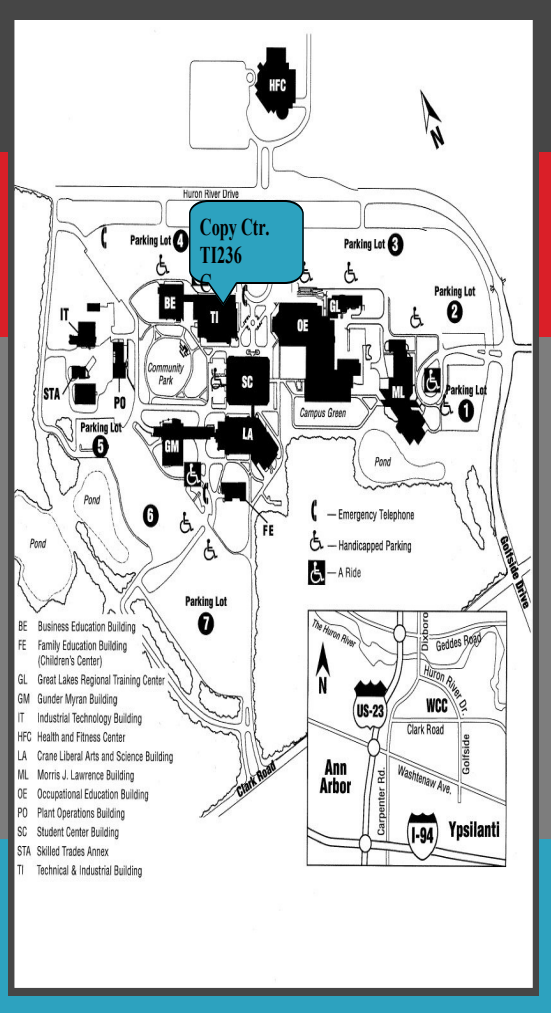

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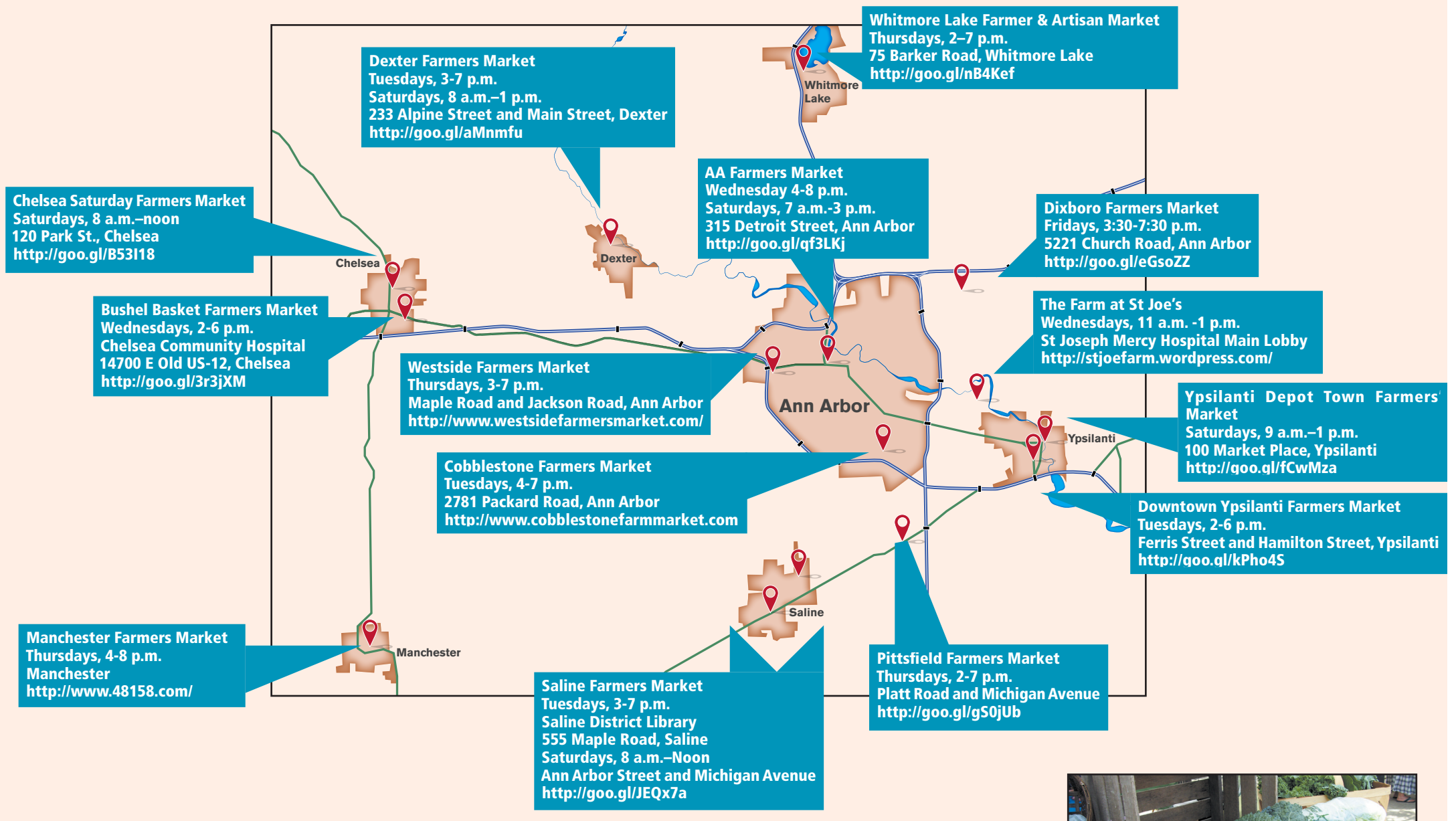
Farmers markets take root in Washtenaw county



MARY DONALDSON THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Happy vegetables: Carrots and Swiss chard can be found at the Depot Town farmers market.

MARY DONALDSON

Welcome to The Healthy Voice column, the first installment in a series planned to help you make better decisions about food and nutrition.

This first installment is a map to help you find any of a number of farmers markets in and around Washtenaw County. It shows that you have more than a dozen opportunities a week to buy fresh fruit and veggies – all Michigan grown.

Many farmers-market vendors are committed to providing not only good quality but in many cases organically grown produce.

Visiting a farmers market is not just about the food.

The experience of developing a relationship with the person who grew your corn, apples and green beans, running into neighbors, or making new friends while discussing the nuances of flavors in a salsa sample are just a few of the myriad of things that can happen.

Upcoming columns will continue to explore the fun and finds at the area's farmers markets. Meantime, please review the map and selected details of the markets we've found. If you know of one in the area not listed here, please contact us and let us know.

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KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

On the menu at The Spot: burritos with an array of topping and meat choices.

New Student Center food vendor aims to please

BY NATALIE WRIGHT
Features Editor

Despite some concerns about the change in Student Center food vendors, Aramark, the company that took over this summer, is trying to make the transition as smooth as possible.

And that includes the help.

"We had an open interview for everyone who worked here that wanted to return, and everyone who interviewed was hired back," said Howard Strom, 33, Aramark's food service director who was transferred to WCC from the University of Michigan hospital when the company took over on July 1.

They include Karen and Andrea Sakall, the mother-daughter team that ran Edibles last year. The Sakalls are loved by students, especially their regulars, and when the news came out that they might lose their jobs, many were upset.

"I don't know where that rumor came from," said Strom. "We didn't have any plans to not allow people to come back. No one ever asked us."

Like its predecessor, Edibles, Aramark's The SC Spot will serve pizza, provided by Cottage Inn, and have a grill station, which will serve hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, and house-cut fries. There will also be a value menu, including hot dogs, chicken nuggets and pasta salad. The company is also adding a space for a rotating vendor.

Though the rotation schedule wasn't set in stone, Strom said he has a plan for the first week of school. Monday, students will find Panda Express next to the grill station. Tuesday will host Zoca, a Mexican food vendor that is one of Aramark's own concepts. On Wednesday, Café Spice will serve up Indian food. And on Thursday, Byblo's will provide Mediterranean food. On Fridays, it will be closed.

Aramark also took over the former Bakuzio's coffee shop, now dubbed "The Java Spot." But for students and staff who survive on caffeine, there is no need to worry. The Starbucks isn't going anywhere, said Holly Smith, 23, an employee of Aramark who made the transition from the hospital with Strom.

The biggest change in the coffee shop, which stayed open over the

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DAVID FITCH THE WASHTENAW VOICE

John Gotts, 38, patron of 20 years, enjoys his last Blimpy Burger at the original location.

Blimpy's to close Ann Arbor location, but hope is in sight for fans of eatery

BY DAVID FITCH
Staff Writer

The scene at the restaurant on the final day was one of contrast: of sadness and near-fanatic patronage. The usual red awning that hangs over the front windows had ripped and hung like a disappointing piece of lettuce from its frame. No point in replacing it now.

There is nothing that says "Ann Arbor" like Krazy Jim's Blimpy Burger, and now, as of Wednesday, Aug. 14, Blimpy's is closed. The long lines, the boisterous cooks, and the delicious burgers are just part of what have made Blimpy's a town legend.

Blimpy's, located near the corner of Packard Street and South Division Street, has been home to some of the greasiest, most-coveted burgers money can buy. It has been featured on TV shows like "Diners Drive-Ins and Dives" on Food Network and has been a part of Ann Arbor culture for six decades. The last burger was sold at 10:15 p.m.

A 2-3 hour line of about 100 people extended from the door, down the steps, down the sidewalk, and partly around the block at the intersection of East Madison Street, Packard Street, and South Division Street. The long line was due, in part, to the policy on the last day to only let a certain number of customers into the eatery at a time.

The building, along with many houses on the block, is being demolished to make room for a new University of Michigan graduate residence hall. The university was able to offer a higher price than Blimpy's owner, Rich Manger, according to The Michigan Daily.

But this is not the end for Blimpy's. Manger reported that there are plans to open up at a new location. In addition, Blimpy "addicts" as the restaurant's website calls them, were invited to the "Last Supper Fundraiser" where for two more days, Aug. 17-18, people paid $100 to eat and score some memorabilia from the original location.

Customers are hopeful in light of a reopening, but some are less than confident.

"It's going to be sad, especially if they don't open up, you know, anywhere else. They say they will, but you never really know," said Canton native Danny Currie, 16, who said he had been coming to Blimpy's since he was in the third grade. His meal of choice on the last day? A quad burger with egg and bacon.

"As big as I can make it," he said.

Many of those emerging from the restaurant after waiting in line and finally receiving their food, no short-term commitment, came beaming with childish glee—more happy customers served.

Now, the answering machine plays a melancholy message spoken by Manger, "Hello this is Krazy Jim's Blimpy Burger. We are currently closed at our current location..."

Perhaps this is not the end of an era, though. Perhaps Krazy Jim's Blimpy Burgers will again serve up burgers in a grease-stained paper bag with a mound of fries on the side. Maybe we will again get to witness Manger's polar bear snow sculptures come to life in the winter. Until then, Blimpy customer of 20 years, John Gotts, 38, speaks for many.

"I hope this one comes back."

ALLIE TOMASON THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Jody Lamb, author of 'Easter Ann Peters' Operation Cool' wins ForeWord Reviews' 2012 Book of the Year Award in juvenile fiction.

Former WCC student wins Book of the Year

ALLIE TOMASON
Managing Editor

When Jody Lamb tried to get her book, "Easter Ann Peters' Operation Cool," published two years ago, she was turned down 32 times. Some publishers even suggested she tone down some of the harsher elements of her book.

That was then.

In June, her book—ultimately published as she wrote it—won ForeWord Reviews' 2012 Book of the Year Award in juvenile fiction.

"I was really surprised when I won," she said. "I was also excited and thought 'this is an opportunity to get the book out to the kids who need it.'"

And it's fairly clear a lot of youngsters can benefit from it.

"The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports an estimate that 25 percent of American kids live with at least one parent who abuses alcohol," Lamb said. "I just couldn't believe it."

Lamb grew up in Dearborn and graduated from Ladywood High School in Livonia. She attended Michigan State University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

She also knows first-hand what it is like to be part of a family affected by alcoholism.

When she was about 5 or 6 years old, she wondered about the behavior of some of the adults in her family.

"I didn't relate it to drinking, but I did wonder why some people's apple juice had foam on top of it."

It wasn't until she was a senior at MSU that she realized that she needed to understand the disease.

"I marched myself to the library and read everything I could about it," she said.

When she was 26 years old, she had reached a point where she was

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Ashton Kutcher as a young Steve Jobs

Good performances can't save the iFilm

By JAMES SAOUD
Video Editor

The smug grin of Steve Jobs has been plastered on newspapers and book sleeves since his death in 2011. Now, with the release of the independently financed "Jobs," we can add the silver screen to the list of places the legendary innovator materializes.

However, if you lean in a bit closer, you'll notice it's not Steve Jobs at all. It's the guy from "Punk'd."

"Jobs" opens at the Apple press conference in 2001, when Steve Jobs first introduced the iPod. The scene looks great, and Ashton Kutcher pulls off a convincing performance here, especially in his mannerisms. Unfortunately, once the scene ends, things start to change for the worse.

We cut back to the college years, where Kutcher's performance is indecipherable with his role as Kelso from "That 70's Show," which makes it very difficult to believe the subject was one of the most important men in the modern world.

This doesn't quite get under our skin until we have to sit through a seemingly endless montage of Jobs frolicking through a field on LSD, which is ultimately the most cringeworthy and utterly pointless bit of the film, not to mention an awful way to introduce us to his character.

Things take an interesting turn when we are introduced to Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple, played here by Josh Gad. Between Wozniak and Jobs, Wozniak is the real computer whiz. Jobs was more of the motivator in their relationship, pushing Wozniak to new and unfamiliar territory.

However, the film makes Jobs come off as more of a bully in their relationship, which may be how things actually were, but it makes it all the more challenging to feel for Jobs' character. During the scenes with the two of them working on their first projects together, the film puts an interesting focus on Wozniak's character.

It's hard not to imagine a more interesting film, with a focus completely on Wozniak. But instead of maintaining his perspective, the film soon turns to Jobs and his later accomplishments.

This happens a lot in "Jobs." An idea will start, play out briefly, then suddenly move on to the next thing. This makes the movie feel more like a cacophony of bland images in what could have been at least an interesting string of vignettes.

Between the flimsy editing, poor structure and what feels like an unfinished script, there are some interesting things going on in the film. None of the performances are bad; even Ashton Kutcher shines more than just a couple of times. And despite the film's lack of focus, it manages to entertain.

With a story as intricate as this one, it's hard not to engage yourself. That said, the film just isn't strong enough for its subject matter.

What "Jobs" is ultimately missing is any sort of emotional angle. The point of a biopic like this should be to introduce the audience to a more personal side of its subject, possibly even a fantastical side that could only be displayed in cinema.

This at times feels more like an adaptation of Steve Jobs' Wikipedia page. But in the modern world that Jobs helped create, we don't need to buy a ticket to find that information. It's right in our pockets.

Genre:	**Biopic**
Length:	**122 minutes**
Rating:	**PG-13**
Grade:	**C-**

'Blue Jasmine' not the usual Allen fare

By ERIC GARANT
Staff Writer

"Written and directed by Woody Allen." This title card has appeared on a feature film in 40 of the last 44 years, and twice in 1987, with Allen also starring in most of his pre-1998 work. He has been not only one of the greatest directors of the modern era, but also one of the most prolific.

Though he arguably hasn't made a straight comedy since 1975's "Love and Death" (which itself showed glimpses of the deeper ambitions that would come to full bloom in 1977's Best Picture-winner "Annie Hall"), he is certainly best-known for his jokes. And most of his movies, whatever their degree of seriousness, are indeed very funny.

"Blue Jasmine" is not one of these. Its closest cousin in the Allen family tree, and a film to which certain shots and details seem to allude, is probably 1978's "Interiors," an Ingmar Bergman-inspired family drama.

The titular role, Jasmine, is played by Cate Blanchett in a performance all but certain to garner an Academy Award nomination. In flashbacks that make up roughly half of the film, Jasmine is the socialite wife of Hal (Alec Baldwin), a wealthy investor. But it turns out Hal is less than reputable, in business and otherwise.

In the present, Jasmine's life has fallen apart, and her mind has followed it down into the abyss. Forced to move into her sister Ginger's (Sally Hawkins) relatively squalid home in San Francisco, Jasmine clutches desperately to her image of herself as a high-society lady. She is condescending and outright insulting to Ginger and especially to Ginger's boyfriend, Chili (Bobby Cannavale).

It's a great credit to Blanchett that Jasmine is a sympathetic character. She is dishonest and vain, and all too able to rationalize her own bad behavior while judging others for far less. But beneath it all remains always a complex and damaged person, a woman too set in her idea of what she must be to change. The mental contortions she performs in avoiding the truth are heartbreaking to consider.

The supporting cast is also strong. Cannavale, as the simple and blunt but ultimately decent Chili, is excellent in a deceptively complex role. Baldwin was a perfect choice for the too-slick Hal, and Sally Hawkins brings the right amount of vulnerability and toughness to the role of Ginger.

"Blue Jasmine" is a dark film about how deception, and particularly self-deception, often leads to ruin. It is also, like the similarly dark "Match Point," one of Allen's finest films of the new millennium.

Genre:	**Drama**
Length:	**98 minutes**
Rating:	**PG-13**
Grade:	**A**

Motown has lead role in gritty 'Low Winter Sun'

By TYLER GOFF
Voice Correspondent

"Folks talk about morality like its black and white. Or maybe they think they're smarter or they're at a cocktail party acting all pretentious and then they say its 'gray.' But do you know what it really is? It's a strobe flashing back and forth, back and forth all the time. So all we can do, all we can do is try to figure out how to see straight enough to keep from getting out heads bashed in, isn't that right?"
– Joe Geddes, Detroit cop in 'Low Winter Sun'

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Mark Strong as Detective Frank Agnew

Good man. Cop. Killer.

The tag line to AMC's newest original show "Low Winter Sun" perfectly sums up the first 15 minutes of the pilot episode.

What starts as a battle against his own morality for Detective Frank Agnew (Mark Strong) slowly develops into a web of lies to the point that he can't trust anyone, including himself. The show's pilot episode set a dark tone for the rest of the 10-episode season that began in mid-August.

Torn between what he knows is right and what he loves the most, Frank makes a decision that will immediately change his life, and that of fellow Detective Joe Geddes (Lennie James).

A sudden death in the precinct sparks an internal affairs investigation that throws everyone off guard, in more ways than the obvious. Geddes and Agnew must work together to save their own skins, but is Geddes being entirely open with Agnew?

The rumblings of IA in the precinct knock everything out of whack, and raise questions with Frank that Joe can't seem to answer honestly. The first episode sets up a game of cat and mouse, and no one knows where they stand.

The show was shot almost entirely on-location in Detroit. The cast and crew premiered the first episode two weeks early at the Michigan Theater where they sent out invitations for the public to come and get a sneak peak. I was fortunate enough to get one of those invitations.

Upon arriving and accepting our passes, I was amazed at the turnout. I have been to the Michigan Theater countless times before and have never seen it completely full as it was that night. People traveled from miles away to witness an event that hit so close to home.

Detroit residents flooded in to get a good seat to what they hoped might showcase a beautiful city in a dark time. It did not disappoint. If the show was a painting, Detroit was the canvas. Beautiful aerial shots and gritty street views showcased the highs and lows of a city in despair.

People are not only hanging on the words of the characters, but they're hanging on the words of the city.

After the screen went black and the lights went up, the actors and show-runner came on stage for a surprise question-and-answer session. The audience had the chance to ask questions and make comments to the cast.

While a lot of questions were asked, one really stuck out to me: "Why Detroit?"

To which show-runner Chris Mundy answered: "There was really no other option."

The cast talked about Detroit as its own character, and how it breathes life into all of the other characters. What looks like a run-down hopeless city to an outsider, is not what it is to someone born and raised there. It's an underdog in an unwinnable fight.

Genre:	**Drama**
Length:	**43 minutes**
Rating:	**TV-MA**
Grade:	**A-**

ALAINA O'CONNOR THE WASHTENAW VOICE

WCC Comic Book Club founder Andrew Watros, 28, with his Red Hood helmet.

MEET THE CLUB

'Team' welcomes all, especially characters

BY ALAINA O'CONNOR
Staff Writer

Andrew Watros tossed around the idea of a club for comic book enthusiasts for a while before deciding to take the leap a few months ago. He used the spring and summer semesters to gauge interest.

"We have about 8-10 members, which is pretty good for the summer," said Watros, a 28-year-old microbiology student from Ypsilanti.

He likes to think of the club as a team.

"We're like the Avengers," Watros said, referring to the popular superhero team composed of Marvel comic book characters. "I'm Iron Man. I give the club a push. Pete Leshkevich (director of Student Development and Activities) is our Nick Fury."

Watros came armed with several graphic novels, including Joss Whedon's "Astonishing X-Men," J Michael Straczynski's "Superman: Earth One," and Frank Miller's "Batman: Year One."

But his favorite writer is Grant Morrison.

"I love Morrison's 'Arkham Asylum: A Serious House on Serious Earth.' He pushes boundaries and forces people to think a certain way and opens up our minds a bit more. That's why I love his writing."

Grant Morrison's approach to writing informed the Comic Book Club's de facto code of ethics.

"We like to be all-inclusive. Publishers try to reach everybody no matter their race, gender, or sexuality. For example, in France, there was uproar over a character created by Morrison called Night Runner, who is basically the Muslim version of Batman. The only people who were offended by that character were the people who don't really read comics."

Watros explained: "Right now, there is a gay Green Lantern and a lesbian Batgirl, but readers aren't overly concerned about a character's sexual orientation. They're in it for the story. It's equality for everybody and it's great."

The Comic Book Club hopes to have an event this semester and raise money to send members to the Detroit Fanfare Comic Con, which runs from Oct. 25-27 at the Adoba Hotel in Dearborn.

But for now, Watros is looking forward to what the new school year will bring for the club.

"People seemed to really like it, so I'm going to keep it going for as long as I can."

What: The Comic Book Club
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DAVID FITCH THE WASHTENAW VOICE

The inclusion of computers alongside books and other physical resources let students dig deeper into research.

The library: here for you

BY DAVID FITCH
Staff Writer

Shelves of books, an array of cubicles, the feeling of knowledge at your fingertips and the smell of ink on paper. Where are you? Good guess. The Washtenaw Community College Richard W. Bailey Library.

If it is your first time on campus, or even if you have been on campus for years, it is worthwhile to get acquainted with the vast resources at the library. It's not just a quiet place to study or that place where you are forced to go to learn about research in English 111.

Director of Access Services Beth Kennedy gave *The Voice* a run-through of the many services and resources available at the library.

The list may surprise you. Here are several of the useful resources that the library offers:

- Texting support: The library offers research help via text message. In addition, a new due-date text message alert system will help students return books on time and avoid inconvenient consequences
- E-books: 110,000 digital books are available 24/7
- Online Databases: WCC subscribes to many online databases for research. Students can through an extensive collection of writing on a vast array of topics
- LibGuides: Faculty members have put together guides to library resources for specific subjects
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- MelCat: a statewide interlibrary loan service. If the WCC library does not have a book you need, chances are, it's somewhere in the system and can be shipped directly to WCC
- Computer Commons: A whole floor of computers loaded with useful software, including expensive programs used in some classes, are available for student use. Additionally, the Computer Commons offers tutoring
- Physical materials: The WCC library has over 100,000 "physical items"
- Librarians: According to Kennedy, the library's "biggest resource" is the paid, professional faculty librarians. They know their stuff and are very accessible. They can be reached via text, phone, email or actual human interaction

So next time you are looking for answers for a tough research assignment, start by looking on the first floor of the GM building. The library can help.

NATALIE WRIGHT THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Jordan Balduf and Nellie Stansbury serve Asian street fare at the San Street cart.

Food cart owners share the stoves, space – and dreams

NATALIE WRIGHT THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Nick Wilkinson, owner of A2 Pizza Pi, stands next to his cart, which he plans to take on the road next year.

BY NATALIE WRIGHT
Features Editor

The warm August air is smoky and sweet in a small fenced-in courtyard on the western edge of downtown Ann Arbor. On a Saturday afternoon families fill the area, gathering at tables under giant yellow umbrellas to enjoy the wide variety of cuisine prepared by eight independently owned food carts.

The street food served up at Mark's Carts ranges from wood-fired pizza, to Asian steamed pork dumplings and authentic Mexican food.

Mark Hodesh, owner of the adjacent Downtown Home and Garden, opened the lot, which is located at 211 W. Washington St., in 2011. He transformed half of the vacant single-story building behind the lot into a kitchen which all of the vendors share. Space in the kitchen is very limited, but the vendors work together well, dividing shelf and food preparation space and sharing the stoves and ovens, said Jordan Balduf, manager of San Street, a cart that serves up Asian street food.

Most of the carts also share pride in their allegiance to locally grown produce.

Mariano Rodriguez, 43, owner of El Manantial, the newest addition to Mark's Carts, says he buys from local distributors to support Ann Arbor's economy.

"I have a family here, and I've lived in Ann Arbor for 17 years. I've seen people going out of business and people who don't have enough income because the economy is really bad," he said, "If I help the farmers, I help the economy and I help myself."

Justin Gajewski, a liberal arts student at WCC, said he feels good about eating at the carts, knowing they buy local.

"That's important for our economy and our community. It makes me feel good that I know my money's going close to home. That means it will go full circle and come back to me," said the 29-year-old Ypsilanti resident.

Buying local also ensures that the food will be fresher, too, said Balduf.

"The time from when a cucumber is picked to when you serve it could be up to a week if you buy it at a grocery store. We can call the guy we work with and say, 'Hey, we're going to be at the (farmer's) market and we need three buckets of cucumbers.' And he picks them that morning and they're on the buns the same day," he said.

Several of the cart owners also share a common dream: to transition from their cart to a brick-and-mortar restaurant.

They wouldn't be the first. Several restaurants have come out of Mark's Carts, including The Lunch Room, a vegan eatery, which opened Aug. 6 in Kerrytown.

San Street, which is already under "the Zingerman's umbrella," may become the 10th independent Zingerman's business, said Balduf, 24, a resident of Ann Arbor who has worked for Zingerman's Deli and San Street for three years.

They are looking for locations, he said, but the cart was a perfect way to test the waters.

"You can work out the kinks before you commit to a space. If you have a concept, it's a really good test market to see if people like it, and build a following," he said, "The Lunch Room had a huge vegan following, and that's why they were so successful."

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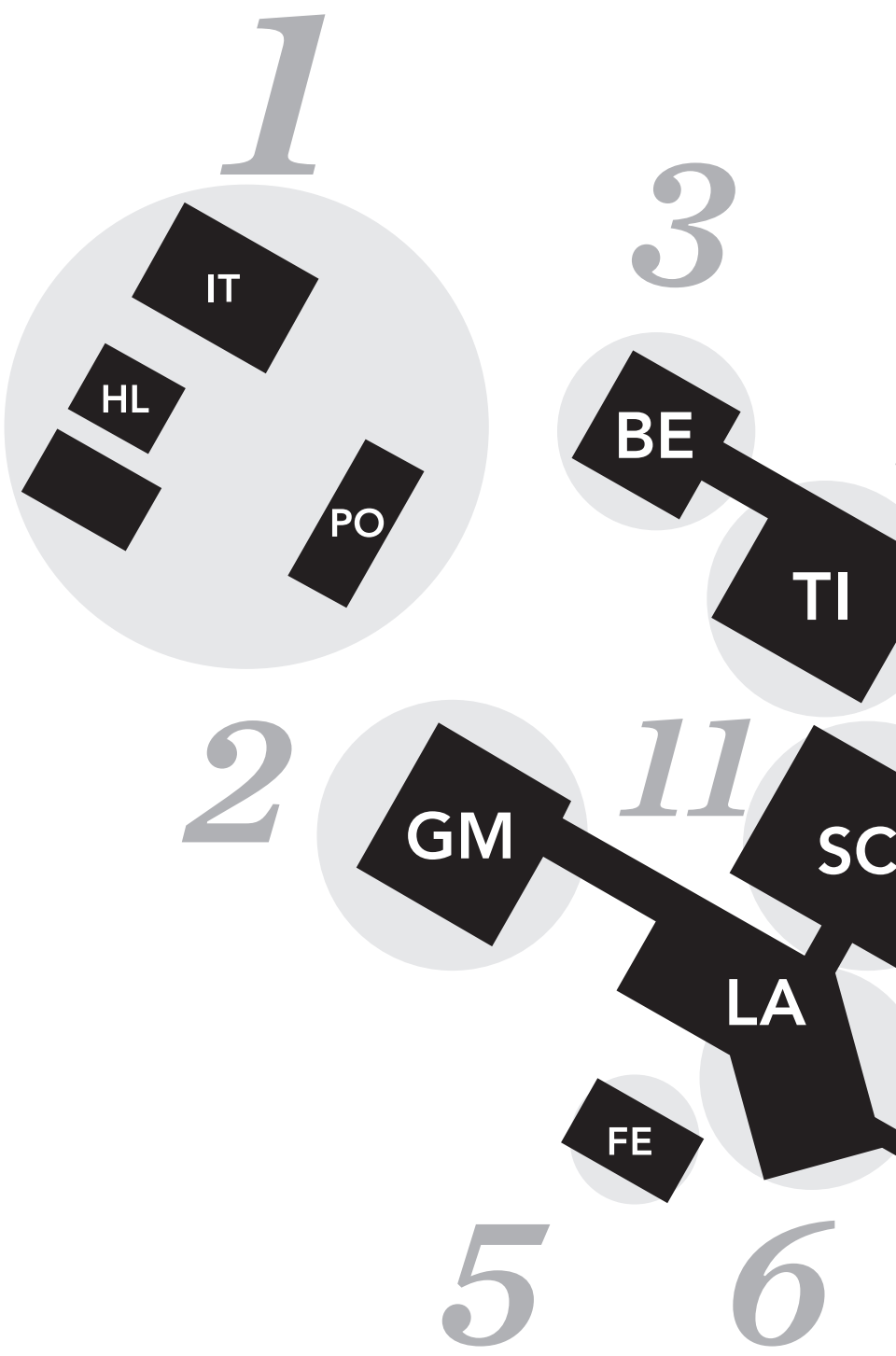

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The Henry S. Landau Skilled Trades building, located on the west side of campus, was built in 2011 and houses one of the oldest programs at WCC, the residential construction/construction technology program.

The building is named after Henry Landau, former trustee and father of current trustee Richard Landau.

The 7,326-square-foot building welcomed residential construction students in 2011 after the program moved from an off-campus site in Ypsilanti.

The Industrial Technology building, also known as the Storage & Receiving building was built in 1997. The 8,999-square-foot structure is home to vocational studies in machine tool, robotics and fluid power.

2 Gunder Myran

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136,926 sq.ft.
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The Gunder Myran building is a 130,000-square-foot building named for a former president of Washtenaw Community College who served from 1975 until his retirement in 1998.

The GM building houses the Richard W. Bailey Library (named for WCC Board Chair and noted linguist) on the first floor with the Computer Commons located on the second floor and can be accessed by the stairwell near the circulation desk.

The library houses thousands of volumes of books and periodicals, group-study rooms that can be reserved for two or more students, and an extensive media and browsing collection.

The Academic Skills Center, Distance Learning classrooms, Media Services, Library Tech Services, and bridge to the Liberal Arts and Science Building can be found on the second floor.

The GM building is also home to digital arts and Web classrooms where graphic designers, Internet professionals, animators and photographers work on projects on the ground floor.

This building was completed in May 2002 for $19 million dollars and is a popular meeting place for community groups such as the Huron Valley Officials Association, the Bird Center of Washtenaw County and the American Institute of Architects.

3 Business Education

1996
41,514 sq.ft.
$4,100,000

If you come to Washtenaw Community College from the northeast (from Huron River Drive), you will probably see two large buildings: the Business Education building and the Technical and Industrial building.

The Business Education building, BE for short, is primarily home to, just what it sounds like, the business side of the educational spectrum. Housed in the BE are several computer labs, the office of the Dean of Business Management, the Human Resource Management department offices, as well as a pod of full time faculty and staff offices. If you need to speak with someone from the nursing, business, or digital media arts departments, check in the BE offices.

If you are looking for casual company, usually the BE is not the place to look. Students usually are only in the building if they are taking a class there, or going in to talk with a teacher.

If you happen to be in the BE and are looking for something to pass the time, the south staircase is home to a few interesting art pieces, including a massive tree mural painted by former WCC art instructor John Onye Lockard. If all else fails, the stairways offer excellent acoustics for impromptu acapella jam sessions (just keep it quiet).

4 Technical & Industrial

1970
103,340 sq.ft.
$5,000,000

While walking near the Technical and Industrial building, you will see a variety of people. Film students mill about excitedly toting piles of film gear through the halls. Young Washtenaw Technical Middle College students walk to class in groups, carrying oversized backpacks, while computer science students hurry off to tend to their servers.

The TI is home to too many different departments and services to list. Here are a few of them:

Several rooms on the second floor are dedicated for the use of the Digital Video classes. These include a computer lab, an editing lab, as well as a video studio, complete with green screen and lights. The online student radio, Orchard Radio, made its new home in the TI not long ago.

Additionally, full time faculty and staff from disciplines ranging from fluid power to music have offices on the first floor. The WTMC offices are also located on the second floor. Many computer classes take place in the central hall that goes through the middle of the building. *The Voice* newsroom is also located in this building on the first floor, northwest corner.

The Technical and Industrial building (TI) is officially the oldest building at Washtenaw Community College. October of 1968 saw the groundbreaking ceremony for the TI, and the first classes were held in the building in the winter term of 1970. Fun fact: at the TI groundbreaking ceremony, dynamite was involved.

5 Family Education

1980
8,923 sq.ft.
Cost N/A

Unlike many other colleges in the area, Washtenaw Community College offers an accredited child care service that is very popular among students and staff.

Since the late 1960s, the Children's Center has been housed on campus. The Children's Center started out with seven portable buildings on the western edge, but in April of 1979, WCC passed a special bond issue to support building both the Family Education building and the Occupational Education building.

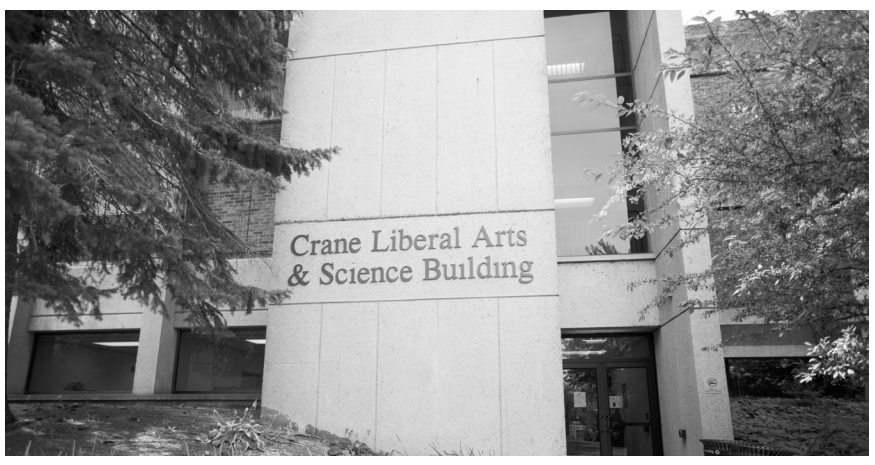
The FE building was built in 1980 and the Children's Center opened its doors in September of that year.

The name was originally thought to reflect the plan to provide family-related workshops and seminars in addition to child care services. One of the first courses offered in the FE building was a six-week Saturday workshop on Indian cooking.

Today, the building is used primarily for quality childcare and educational programs for the children of students, staff and faculty for on-campus activities only.

The Children's Center is licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Human Services for 135 children per hour, but according to its website, the center has only 88 children per hour in peak periods.

Since 1999, the center has been accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.



6 Crane Liberal Arts & Science

1970
177,797 sq.ft.
$15,000,000

The Crane Liberal Arts and Sciences building is the most important one on campus. Well, it is if you're a writer, anyway.

The building houses departments in English, math, art, foreign languages and natural sciences, among others. The hallways of each area are decorated to reflect what you'll find there.

For example, the second-story math section features a huge representation of *pi* with its current known value above it and practically having to turn the corner.

A biology area has pictures of various body parts and functions along the walls. A third-floor hallway that runs along a series of chemistry classrooms is adorned with a gigantic periodic table of elements. And so on.

Also on the third floor, in LA 355, is the Writing Center, where students can go for assistance with writing and editing papers.

During the school year, you can often find students in the common area playing board games between or after classes.

Constructed in 1970 by Tarpata MacMahon Associates, the building is named for Florence and H. Richard Crane. Florence served for 17 years in the Michigan State Corrections Commission, working to improve conditions for women in penal institutions. Richard was a physicist who joined the staff at the University of Michigan in 1934.

An addition was made to the building in 1999 by Hobbs + Black Associates.

BLOCKS

by The Voice Staff

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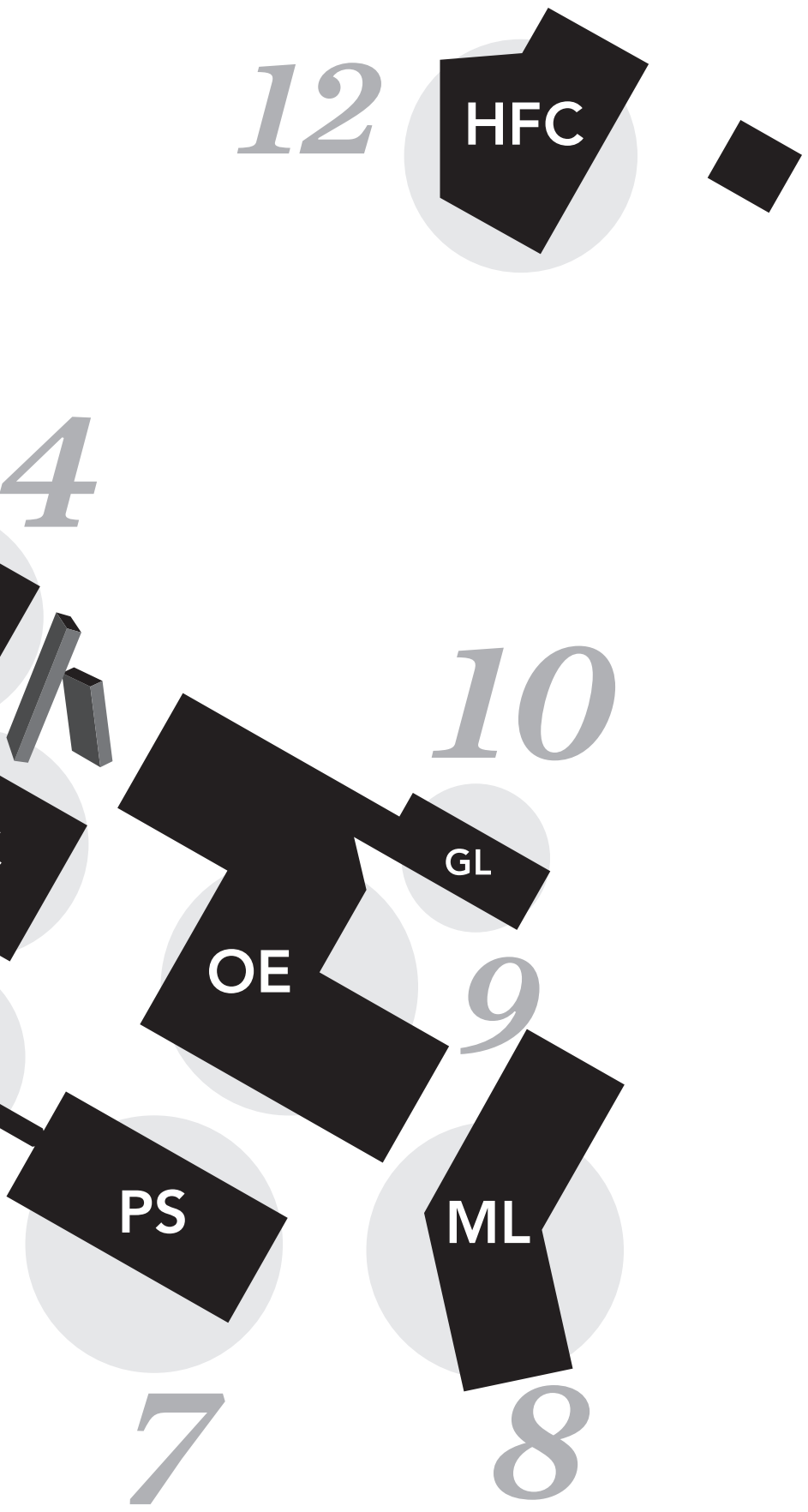


12 Health & Fitness Center

2007
77,663 sq.ft.
$15,000,000

This environmentally-friendly facility is the newest building on the Washtenaw Community College campus.

The Health and Fitness Center has cardio, circuit and free-weight strength-training equipment, a full-sized gym for basketball and volleyball, a platform tennis court and four group classrooms.

The HFC holds fitness classes including low-impact aerobics, step and tone, cardio kickboxing, circuit training, Zumba, Pilates, yoga, group cycling, and aquatic classes.

For those who need more one-on-one attention, the facility offers personal training, health education seminars, and conference and education classrooms.

There's a child care center and Primo Fitness Café that provides a variety of salads, sandwiches, and beverages.

Students, faculty, and staff enjoy state-of-the-art locker rooms with a steam room, sauna, massage rooms, and digitally-controlled lockers.

The Health and Fitness Center is the only building of its kind in Michigan to be gold certified by the LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – green building rating system.

To become a member, students must be enrolled in a minimum of three credits and register for PEA 115. The cost of the course is $160. Or you can pay a reduced rate of $43 per month with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or bank account.

For more information visit: *http://www.wccfitness.org/*

11 Student Center

1976
160,534 sq.ft.
$10,500,000

The Student Center building is the heart of the WCC campus. The first floor is always packed with students studying, grabbing a bite at the food court or hanging out with friends in the community room.

The building was completed in 1976 and went through a major renovation in 2011–12. The renovation cost nearly $2 million and was finished just in time for the start of the 2012 academic year.

On the first floor of the building students can find the campus bookstore, the Student Activities office, the Club Sports office and Gallery One, the on-campus art gallery. There is also a selection of food vendors on this floor including The SC Spot, The Java Spot and Subway. The culinary arts kitchen is also on this floor, tucked away behind the program's dining room, Garrett's.

The second floor holds a lot of the various offices that students may need to visit during their time at WCC: Counseling and Career Planning, Enrollment Services, the Student Connection, Financial Services, the Cashier's Office, the Student Resource and Women's Center, the International Student Center, the Veteran's Center and a Campus Safety and Security and photo ID office.

The Testing Center and Student Orientation can be found on the third floor, along with Information Technology Services, the WCC Foundation and the Public Relations and Marketing office.

10 Great Lakes Regional Trianing

2003
15,000 sq.ft.
Cost N/A

The Great Lakes Regional Training Center, better known to students as the GL building, was built in 2003 and is the newest addition to the United Association's annual summer Instructor Training program.

The GL Center awards more than 170,000 college credits to UA members each year and accommodates over 27,000 UA apprentices and 3,000 instructors and journey workers who participate in college-credit programs at Washtenaw Community College.

The building is a 15,000-square-foot facility designed to house lab activities, computer-based learning and classroom training and is equipped for video conferencing in each room.

Among the services that the GL Center offers to students are the scheduling of classes in the facility, answering questions about training center services, assisting students in the Internet-based classes using Blackboard, helping instructors develop online classes, providing academic advising for WCC associate degrees and evaluating transfer credits from other academic institutions.

9 Larry Whitworth Occupational Education

1980
128,915 sq.ft.
Cost N/A

The Occupational Education building, that was originally built in 1980, is approximately 128,00 square-feet and houses WCC's vocational programs, including automotive technology, motorcycle technology, auto body repair, dental assisting, radiography, HVAC, welding technology and environmental sciences.

In 2011, after extensive renovations, the OE building was renamed the Larry L. Whitworth Occupational Education building after then-retiring president of the college.

Renovations included new lighting and ceiling fixtures and a revamped décor denoting each programs area, as well as the addition of 140 geothermal wells and a partial vegetative rooftop.

The green technology of the geothermal wells makes it possible to use the earth as an energy source for heating and cooling. Reflective material and vegetation on the roof help maintain the temperature of the building, while solar panels provide heating for the building's water.

The newly added student lounge features food vending and a mezzanine that is elevator accessible.

7 Campus Green Parking Structure

2012
162,024 sq.ft.
$11,600,000

Probably the only building on campus that could be called controversial, the parking structure opened for business on Jan. 9, 2012. The building took more than two years to complete from the planning stages, with total expenses for its construction at $12.7 million.

The structure contains 473 parking spaces, and also houses the Campus Safety and Security department.

Its conception followed a time of booming attendance at the college that required renting Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium lot for the winter 2010 semester, at a cost of $100,050. Because the stadium is roughly a mile away from WCC, this required shuttling students and staff to and from campus.

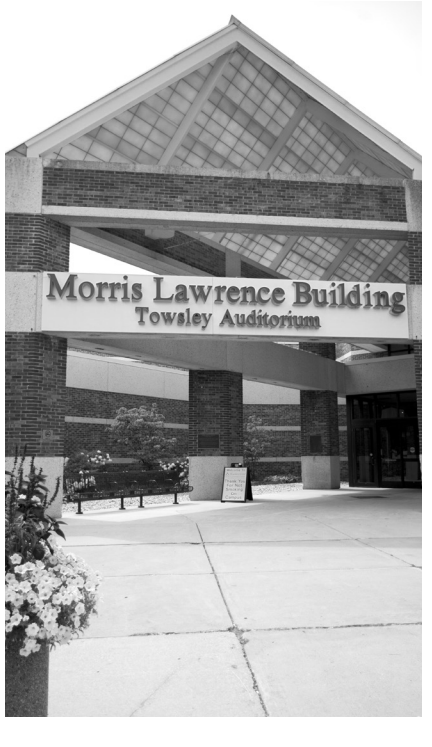
After years of contentious debate, the school's board of trustees unanimously approved plans to build the parking structure in January 2011.

The project was met with ambivalence from the community: some saw it as a sensible solution to a legitimate problem, some saw it as an unnecessary waste of resources.

"The solution is finally here," proclaimed a *Voice* headline upon the structure's opening.

Others noted that enrollment was declining and bus passes were cheap. They questioned whether a parking problem even really existed.

Whatever you think of it, the parking structure is there. And whether because of its existence or otherwise, there is always parking available on campus.



8 Morris Lawrence

1989
71,377 sq.ft.
$6,200,000

The Morris J. Lawrence Building opened its doors in 1990, but at that time it was called the Job Skills and Campus Events Building.

That changed after New Year's Day 1994, when Washtenaw Community College's Director of Music, Morris J. Lawrence, died of a stroke at age 53. Lawrence was also a popular clarinetist and an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan. He was a member of the faculty at WCC for 25 years.

The building houses Towsley Auditorium, which seats 470 people. It also contains exhibition, conference and special-event space, classrooms, and areas dedicated for public service, business, industry, and contract training.

The 75,000-square-foot space is a shared resource not only among the departments at the college, but also between the college and the community.

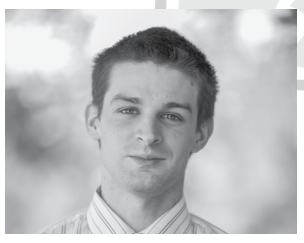
High school plays, recitals by various groups, concerts and church services are just a few of the events that take place on the stage in Towsley Auditorium.

The other spaces are used for meetings, support groups, training programs, lectures, parties, and many other community activities.

Organized student or community groups may secure rooms for meeting by calling the Office of Conference Services at 734-644-5034.

Lions Preview

2013 season looms large for Lions, Schwartz



By ERIC GARANT

Playoffs or pack your bags.

This, I suspect, is the message head coach Jim Schwartz received this offseason.

After making the playoffs in 2011 for the first time since 1999, the Lions started 4-4 in 2012 before failing to win a single game in the second half of the year.

The upcoming season will be particularly important as the team considers its options moving forward, and not only for Schwartz.

He and Lions faithful have reasons to be optimistic, though. For one, last year's team was not nearly as bad as its 4-12 record would indicate; 2012 was a year of simply terrible luck.

Detroit was involved in 12 games that were decided by one score, losing nine of them. Other than a fluky 38-10 drubbing in Arizona that included two interceptions of quarterback Matthew Stafford returned for touchdowns, the team's biggest loss of the year was by 13 to the NFC's top-seeded Atlanta Falcons. Put simply: the Lions played everybody tough, and lost a historically improbable amount of close games. That won't happen two years in a row.

Another thing that is unlikely to go as much against them this year is turnovers, and particularly fumbles. The Lions had 16 more giveaways than takeaways last year, owing mostly to a complete (and largely random) inability to recover their own or the opposition's fumbles.

Leaving the nightmarish 2012 season behind, there are other reasons to believe. The Reggie Bush/Mikel Leshoure pairing will likely be the best and healthiest backfield the Lions have wielded in the post-Barry Sanders era, and Bush's talent as a receiver adds a new element to the offense.

Second-year receiver Ryan Broyles showed flashes during his rookie year of being the type of slot weapon that ideally compliments the field-stretching Calvin Johnson. If Broyles can remain healthy, he should ease the burden on Nate Burleson, who is over-extended as a number-two receiver.

And the presence of Calvin Johnson is reason enough for optimism. He set the all-time record for receiving yards in a season in 2012 and still probably felt like he had an off year (because he scored only five touchdowns). There isn't a better receiver in football, and there are very few better players.

It's not all roses, though.

There are a number of intra-team issues, starting with the offensive line, which will feature three new starters. The skill positions get the buzz, but their success depends upon the line holding up. Playing together as a unit for the first time, it's impossible to predict how this group will fare. For the first time since he was drafted in 2001, the Lions will be without mediocre but supremely dependable left tackle Jeff Backus.

Only slightly less concerning is the team's lack of depth. This is an extremely top-heavy unit, and it cannot afford many injuries.

Free-agent acquisition Glover Quin was a solid pickup for the secondary, but the group is still comprised mostly of journeymen and hangers-on. Their survival will hinge on the Lions' ability to generate a solid pass-rush, itself an uncertainty.

Ndamukong Suh remains one of the best interior linemen in football, and fellow defensive tackle Nick Fairley looked to be coming along well last year. But in the modern NFL, the pass rush comes mostly from the edges, and the Lions' ends are unproven. Free-agent acquisition Jason Jones and first-round draft pick Ezekiel Ansah will be counted on from the get-go.

There are also worries outside of the team, beginning with what should be a strong division.

The Packers, Bears and Vikings all won 10-plus games last year, and arguably sport among them the league's two best players in Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers and Minnesota running back Adrian Peterson.

The Lions went 0-6 in the division last year, but many of the losses were extremely close: Green Bay won the two meetings by a combined 11 points, Chicago by just eight.

An improvement in the division is both doable and necessary. If the Lions are able, the playoffs should be within their grasp. If they aren't, there will probably be a fresh face at head coach next year, and a lot of other places.

WCC Club Sports

Fall Club Sports Opportunities

Men's baseball:	Tryouts Aug. 26-29, 4:30-7 p.m. at the WCC baseball diamond
Women's softball:	First practices Aug. 26-29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at WCC softball diamond
Women's soccer:	First practices Aug. 26-29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at WCC soccer fields
Men's soccer:	Tryouts Aug. 26-29, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at WCC soccer fields
Women's volleyball:	Tryouts Sept. 3, Sept. 10 and Sept. 12, 9:30-11 p.m. at WCC Health and Fitness Center
Men's volleyball:	Tryouts Sept 5, Sept.10 and Sept. 12, 9:30-11 p.m. at WCC Health and Fitness Center
Ice hockey:	Tryouts Sept. 11, 10-11:30 p.m. at Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea, 501 Coliseum Drive

Note: Bring WCC ID to tryouts/practices

Intramural Sports Calendar

Sport	Registration	Tournament Date/Time
3-on-3 Basketball	Aug. 26-Sept. 13	Monday Sept. 16, 6 p.m.
3-on-3 Soccer	Aug. 26-Sept. 16	Tuesday, Sept. 17 6 p.m.
Softball/HRD[1]	Aug. 26-Sept. 17	Wednesday, Sept. 18 4 p.m.
Sand volleyball	Aug. 26-Sept. 18	Thursday, Sept. 19 5 p.m.
Quidditch	Aug. 26-Sept. 20	Monday, Sept. 23 6 p.m.
Kickball	Aug. 26-Sept. 23	Tuesday, Sept. 24 5 p.m.
Ultimate Frisbee	Aug. 26-Sept. 24	Wednesday Sept. 25 6 p.m.
Platform Tennis	Aug. 26-Sept. 25	Thursday Sept. 26 5 p.m.
Flag Football	Aug. 26-Sept. 27	Monday Sept. 30 6 p.m.
Badminton	Aug. 26-Sept. 30	Tuesday Oct. 1 5 p.m.
3-on-3 Soccer	Aug. 26-Oct. 1	Wednesday Oct. 2 5 p.m.
Golf Scramble	Sept. 9-Sept. 27[2]	Saturday Oct. 5 10 a.m.

[1]All events coed except Home Run Derby
[2] All events free except Golf Scramble

Big 10 Football Preview

Buckeyes remain in driver's seat; Wolverines, Spartans look to challenge

By ERIC GARANT
Sports Writer

There's something undeniably magical about fall in the Midwest. The lushly forested landscape, statically and universally green for six months a year, shifts into a kaleidoscope of oranges and browns, yellows and reds.

The foliage that we keep in our periphery the rest of the year becomes almost unbearably beautiful. It makes the heart yearn. . . for Big 10 football.

Here's our preview of the coming season:

Legends Division

Michigan, 8-5 (6-2 Conference)

I may be denounced as a heretic for saying this, but Denard Robinson's departure could be a blessing in disguise. Though an electric runner, Robinson's shortcomings as a passer often had the Wolverines struggling to move the ball against strong defenses. Devin Gardner, a good but mortal runner, is a better-rounded quarterback. An early meeting with Notre Dame will be a big test for the team, but then the schedule gets easier until mid-October. If the young offensive line can gel behind All-American tackle Taylor Lewan and the defense, excellent against the run but soft to the pass in 2012, can hold its own, Michigan should be in the thick of the conference race. There is also a ton of buzz within the program for true freshman running back Derrick Green. Keep an eye out for this kid.

Predicted record: 10-2 (7-1), Legends division champion

Michigan State, 7-6 (3-5)

The Spartans are an old-school team that relies on good defense and power running, and they'll enter the year as the favorites to bring home the division crown. QB Andrew Maxwell will look to bounce back from a down year in 2012, and the Spartans have a host of running backs who will attempt to fill in for the durable Le'Veon Bell. On the other side of the ball, a more consistent pass rush would help the team's cause, but the secondary is excellent. They lost five conference games last year by a total of 13 points. The schedule this year is softer, as Sparty avoids both Ohio State and Wisconsin. Early season games against Notre Dame and Iowa should tell us how good this team is before back-to-back contests against Michigan and Nebraska during the height of the conference season.

Predicted record: 10-2 (7-1)

Nebraska, 10-4 (7-2), lost Big 10 Championship game

Nebraska has been a solid team in each of its Big 10 years, but the 63 and 70 points it surrendered last year to Ohio State and Wisconsin, respectively, surely remain in the minds of the team, staff, and citizens of the Cornhusker State. Fortunately, the 2013 schedule includes neither of those teams, and is extremely soft overall. Nebraska should be 8-0 heading into its Nov. 9 meeting in Ann Arbor, a game that could decide the Legends Division title. Its success in that game, and in the season overall, will hinge largely upon QB Taylor Martinez's ability to make plays as a passer. Martinez put up solid passing numbers in 2012, but found difficulty against the better teams. For Nebraska to take the next step forward in this conference, he'll need to get better when he's needed most.

Predicted record: 10-2 (6-2)

Northwestern, 10-3 (5-3)

The Wildcats came to play in 2012, winning ten games and being competitive in all three of their losses. Most of last year's major players return, including quarterback Trevor Seiman, running back Venric Mark, and jack-of-all-trades Kain Colter (threw for 872 yards, ran for 958, and caught passes for 169). The defense will likely need to be stingier to match last year's pace, as the schedule gets tougher this year: Northwestern faces all five of the Ohio State/Michigan/Michigan State/Wisconsin/Nebraska group that figures to run this conference year-in, year-out. If it can manage two wins out of those games, the team will have to feel pretty good about its season.

Predicted record: 8-4 (4-4)

Minnesota, 6-7 (2-6)

The question for the Gophers is if they're ready to join the big boys. Last season, Minnesota beat all of the teams it was supposed to beat, but lost to all of the teams it was supposed to lose to. Though significant pieces of the defense have moved on, an experienced line should help keep the offense afloat. Quarterback Phillip Nelson will need to make strides in his junior season for Minnesota to challenge the better teams. His sub-50 percent completion percentage of last year simply will not get it done. Another year of experience for his skill position players should help; top target A.J. Barker has departed, but the Gophers will return five receivers who caught at least 10 balls in 2012, as well as three backs who had at least 25 carries.

Predicted record: 4-8 (1-7)

Iowa, 4-8 (2-6)

Tripped up early last year by Iowa State and Central Michigan, Iowa seemed to regain its footing with a big win over Michigan State before losing its last six games. A solid but not great team defensively, Iowa will need to make significant strides from its 94th-ranked offense of a year ago. The good news is that the schedule is relatively soft until a home date with Sparty on Oct. 5. The bad news is that it gets brutal afterward, with Ohio State, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Nebraska all left on the slate. Even if this year's team is dramatically better than last's, it will be hard to rack up many more wins.

Predicted record: 4-8 (1-7)

Leaders Division

Ohio State, 12-0 (8-0)

The hated Buckeyes enter the season the presumptive favorite, coming off a perfect 12-0 year. Second-year coach Urban Meyer has an earned reputation for being an offensive genius, and quarterback Braxton Miller is a good fit for his scheme. The defense lost a lot of pieces but should remain fairly stout. If the offense continues to progress under Meyer's tutelage, Ohio State should again be a hard team to beat. And this year, the team actually has an incentive to do well, as it is bowl-eligible again, the sanctions ending from the disgraceful, despicable, filthy, filthy cheating of the Jim Tressel years.

Predicted record: 11-1 (7-1), Leaders division champion

Wisconsin, 8-6 (5-4), won Big 10 Championship game

New coach Gary Anderson has some huge shoes to fill. Former coach Bret Bielema led the Badgers to the Rose Bowl in each of the last three seasons (losing all three, but still). Anderson hung his hat on defense at Utah State, and figures to follow a similar formula in Madison. Replacing touchdown machine Montee Ball won't be easy, but the entire receiving squad returns for the Badgers to give QB Joel Stave some stability. After a Sept. 28 clash in Columbus, the schedule gets favorable. If the Buckeyes stumble down the stretch, Wisconsin could find the back door to the Big 10 title game.

Predicted record: 8-4 (6-2)

Penn State, 8-4 (6-2) [Ineligible for postseason play]

Surely still reeling from the loss of legendary coach Joe Paterno and the unprecedented NCAA sanctions that attended his ouster, Penn State was a very respectable 8-4 in 2012. With the drastic cuts to scholarships, it is hard to imagine the Nittany Lions sustaining that success this year. They'll also be depending on an inexperienced quarterback and facing a slightly more difficult schedule. But for Penn State right now, football is about more than football. No one expects this team to be what it was for so long under Joe Pa. What is important for the program and for its students is to try to find a sense of normalcy.

Predicted record: 7-5 (4-4)

Indiana, 4-8 (2-6)

The Hoosiers enter the season with both promise and uncertainty. The team fielded a strong and diverse offense in 2012 even after starting QB Tre Roberson went down for the year with a leg injury. He'll be back for this season, as will replacements Cameron Coffman and Nate Sudfeld, both of whom performed reasonably well. The big question will be who starts, and how long he can hold his job. Indiana sports starless depth at the other skill positions; the team will return three running backs who rushed for 200 or more yards a year ago, and four receivers who caught at least 40 passes. If a strong recruiting class can help bolster an abysmal defense even a little bit, the Hoosiers have a decent chance of becoming bowl eligible.

Predicted record: 6-6 (3-5)

Purdue, 6-7 (3-5)

A team in flux, Purdue has a first-year head coach in Darrell Hazell who will manage a first-year starting QB in Rob Henry, who will be working with a receiving corps that lost its two leading pass-catchers from 2012. The bright side on offense is that the Boilermakers should have a relatively strong running attack with the combination of lightning-quick Akeem Hunt and bruising Brandon Cottom. The defense will be without defensive tackle Kawaan Short and cornerback Josh Johnson, probably its two best players from last year. But most of the rest of the group is back, so the Boilermakers should at least be more stable defensively. Ultimately, none of this probably matters, as Purdue's schedule is absolutely brutal, especially early in the year. A Sept. 7 meeting with Indiana State could easily be the team's only win when Iowa comes to town on Nov. 9.

Predicted record: 4-8 (2-6)

Illinois, 2-10 (0-8)

The Illini beat the two creampuffs on their schedule in 2012 before losing their final nine games, all but one of them by at least two touchdowns. QB Nathan Scheelhasse, and the whole Illini offense, had a disastrous year. The defense was solid, but most of the defensive line and secondary will not return, setting coach Tim Beckman up for a second year that could be even more challenging than his first. Illinois is clearly in a rebuilding state, and it's hard to find much optimism for the 2013 team. Exceeding even last year's paltry win total would seem difficult.

Predicted record: 1-11 (0-8)

KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

A sign advertising the new menu for The Spot and its opening date, Friday.

SPOT FROM **B1**

summer, is the color of the walls, now a vibrant red. Aramark has also added a few new food items to the windows, said Strom. Grab-and-go sandwiches and salads, provided by Food Evolution, were added to give students a larger variety, he said.

Student favorite Subway was also taken over by Aramark and will remain untouched.

The most important thing for students to know as they return this fall is that Aramark wants to work with them to provide them with great food, said Strom. Comment cards sit on the bar across from The SC Spot.

"We want feedback, we want to hear what you think and what you want to see served," he said.

AUTHOR FROM **B1**

"so miserable." Writing had always been her escape. She decided, to make herself feel better, that she wanted to write creatively.

So she enrolled in a creative writing class at Washtenaw Community College.

When she started writing Easter's story, she almost didn't turn in the assignment. But when she read her paper to her class, the response was positive.

"There was this one guy in my class, about 17-years-old I think, who seemed to have the typical tough-guy persona.

"He said, 'I could really identify with that story. I felt a lot like that at that age. You should keep going with that.'"

Because of the book and its nature, Lamb has developed a following. She recently has heard from teens as far away as Mexico, Brazil and the United Kingdom, who personally relate. And though the book was written for a teen audience, adult fans have surfaced as well.

"I didn't really expect to garner this following beyond the teen age group," she said. "I've recently been getting ideas for books geared to an older audience."

She says her greatest honor, above all, is hearing from the kids.

One thing she hadn't thought about was the negative feedback she has gotten.

"I've had people write hurtful things, like I'm using this to become rich and famous."

Lamb said she doesn't really make money on the book. In fact, she has lost it. The money that is made is used to purchase more copies that can be donated to non-profits with children's addiction treatment programs, libraries and schools.

"My motivation is to help people," she said. "Some of these people are hurting so much. I've written back and reached out."

Currently working on one of two sequels, Lamb says she knows this is a lifelong endeavor for her now.

"I'm really grateful to WCC. I think there is a real sense of community there that really fosters dreams."

To read more about Jody Lamb visit her blog at: *http://www.jodylamb.com*

Sudoku

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6	5	4	9	2	7	8	1	3
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MARK'S CARTS FROM **B3**

Acquiring regulars and exposing the name is crucial, according to Rodriguez. He has hoped to open a restaurant since he moved to Ann Arbor 17 years ago, and he thinks his cart will take him there.

"We're planning to be here no longer than three years," he said, "I've got a good crowd of regular customers already. I've got people that are interested to open a restaurant with me, but I want to do it myself."

Some cart owners have no plans for a restaurant, but have other ideas of how to expand their business. Nick Wilkinson, 28, owner of A2 Pizza Pi, said that he likes the food-cart model, but he would like to be able to take it on the road. However, in Ann Arbor that might be tough, he said.

"Ann Arbor makes it very difficult for a food cart or truck to be on their streets," he said.

Due to zoning issues and restrictions on the use of generators, which nearly any food cart needs for refrigeration, taking to the streets is essentially impossible for food cart vendors in Ann Arbor, Wilkinson said.

But for now, all of the vendors remain parked in the courtyard, and they are really enjoying the uniqueness of the place. Rodriguez, who has many years of experience in the restaurant business, said that the cart format allows him to interact with customers for the first time.

"You really have contact with people, you face your customers and you talk to your customers," he said. "Here, you are always in touch with people."

Balduf agreed that working at a cart provides a unique kind of customer interaction.

"The great thing is that it's live, especially our cart. It's the most exposed. People can crowd around, they can watch what you're doing and can critique or be involved," he said. "It's very inviting. It's almost like a show."

Whether they move on to brick-and-mortar facilities, or overcome the obstacles to gain access to space on the road, the past had shown that the businesses in Mark's Carts are worth watching.

"This is just the beginning," said Rodriguez.

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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to find out how to apply for the openings.

After-School Assistant. Applicants will provide care and guidance for preschool and/or school-aged children. Staff provides daily various recreational/educational activities, including games, arts and crafts, baking, sports and nature walks. Light cleaning and maintenance are expected. Requirements: Must be at least 18 years old and have a high school graduate. Previous child-care employment is required. Previous work experience with preschool/school age children is preferred. The qualified applicants must be sensitive, mature and able to relate well to both children and adults. Since the position is working with young children, the applicant must be comfortable sitting on the floor for periods of time and going outside to the playground on a daily basis.

Team Member at Quiznos. Tasks and responsibilities include providing excellent customer service while performing general restaurant activities. No experience is necessary. We are looking for enthusiastic and friendly people and we will train. Position is ideal for students. Shifts range from 4-6 hours in duration. Presently all staff are students at WCC, EMU and U-M.

Apartment Maintenance Tech/HVAC. As the Maintenance and Grounds expert of your community you will be responsible for completing work orders to maintain and repair physical structures of buildings and grounds. Diagnose problems and make repairs in areas such as, but not limited to: HVAC, electrical, plumbing, painting, carpentry, dry wall repair, appliance maintenance, carpet cleaning and exterior structure maintenance. Ensure the physical aspects of the property meet the company standards and applicable laws.

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Dental Front Desk Assistant. A full-time position for a growing, high quality, family dental practice in Westland. Become part of an enthusiastic group of excellent professionals who enjoy working together. The ideal person will be an energetic, self-starter who is outgoing and has the ability to multi-task. As one of our front-desk assistants, you will be responsible for checking patients into the office, confirming their information, registering new patients, reviewing schedules the day prior to the appointments and providing patients with financial and treatment options at check-out.

Security agent. Entry-level position, patrol of buildings and property; protection of company assets and people; monitor building security systems; respond to emergencies; write incident reports and maintain daily paperwork. Schedule flexibility (work around school schedules). Able to handle typical and crisis situations efficiently and effectively. Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Must possess multitasking ability and able to perform in a professional office environment. Maintain neat, clean and professional appearance. Must be physically fit, be 18 or older and possess minimum high school diploma. College coursework preferred. Must pass background screening (criminal history, driving history and drug screen).

CLUB SPORTS

Student/faculty softball game sparsely attended

By ERIC GARANT
Staff Writer

"We're used to apathy," Student Activities Event Coordinator Rachel Barsch said.

There were around 24 pre-registrations for the student vs. employee softball game scheduled for noon last Thursday, Barsch said. But only six students and four employees showed up to play.

"It's typical for students not to show," Barsch said, who acknowledged that organizers of the event felt that in-service week would help to bolster attendance – but it might have actually turned out to be a disadvantage.

On May 3, the faculty development committee started working on the schedule for the in-service period, which began Tuesday, Aug. 20

"I think (the game) sounded like a great idea to them," Barsch said.

The game could have been a good opportunity to meet people before the school year begins, Barsch said, adding that further attempts to schedule a game are likely later in the year.

"I want more of a community feel," Barsch said. "We feel like we don't get to interact as a whole college often."

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WCC instructor Clarence Hasselbach, gets a hit.

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Heather Currie, EMU student and WCC Sports Clerk, gets ready to throw a pitch.

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WCC students and instructors discussing the rules of the game.

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Despite empty hallways, WCC's grounds crew keep the gardens well tended.

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The flowers are in full bloom around campus.

A salute to summer

By KELLY BRACHA
Photo Editor

From the moment the classrooms at Washtenaw Community College emptied in mid-May to the beginning of students scrambling to register for the fall, there are three months of hot summer freedom.

Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and communities all across Washtenaw County and throughout Southeast Michigan embrace summer with an array of celebrations, fairs and activities that are best enjoyed with a cool beverage and something hot off the grill.

These festivities not only pass the dog days of summer, but also bring out our inner sense of community. Armed with everything from exotic photo equipment to smart phones, Voice staffers enjoyed their summer – and captured these images of this season in the sun.

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WCC Parking Lot 7 turned into a mini hospital for spinal surgeons practicing on cadavers.

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The Equinoccio sculpture made by Leonard Nierman.

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The Douglas AD-1 Skyraider 'BAD NEWS.'

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN

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A Vietnam War reenactment actor feigns death as opposing forces fire at him.

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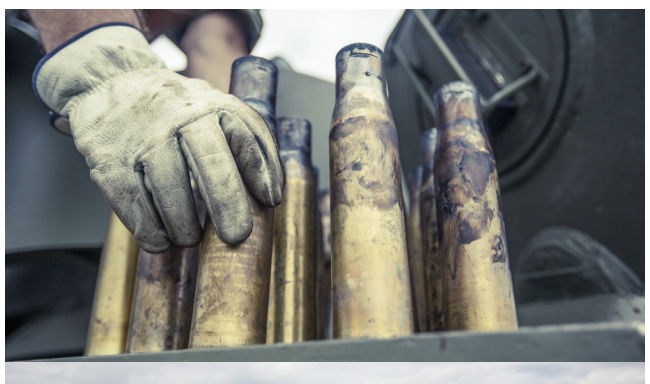
The 'Huey' helicopter makes its approach back to the Willow Run Airport.



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Left: Air show attendees get some shade under the wing of the Collings North American Aviation B-25J Mitchell 'Georgie's Gal.'

Top Right: 37mm shell casings used during the World War II reenactments

Bottom Right: A man poses with a group of women dressed up as Rosie the Riveter for the Save the Bomber Plant campaign. The original Rosie the Riveter moved to Michigan during World War II to work at the Willow Run Aircraft Factory in Ypsilanti.

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WCC President Rose Bellanca introduces the Chinese delegation.

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Delegates and staff meet and shake hands.

Chinese Delegation Visits

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Members of the delegation enjoy and laugh with WCC staffers.

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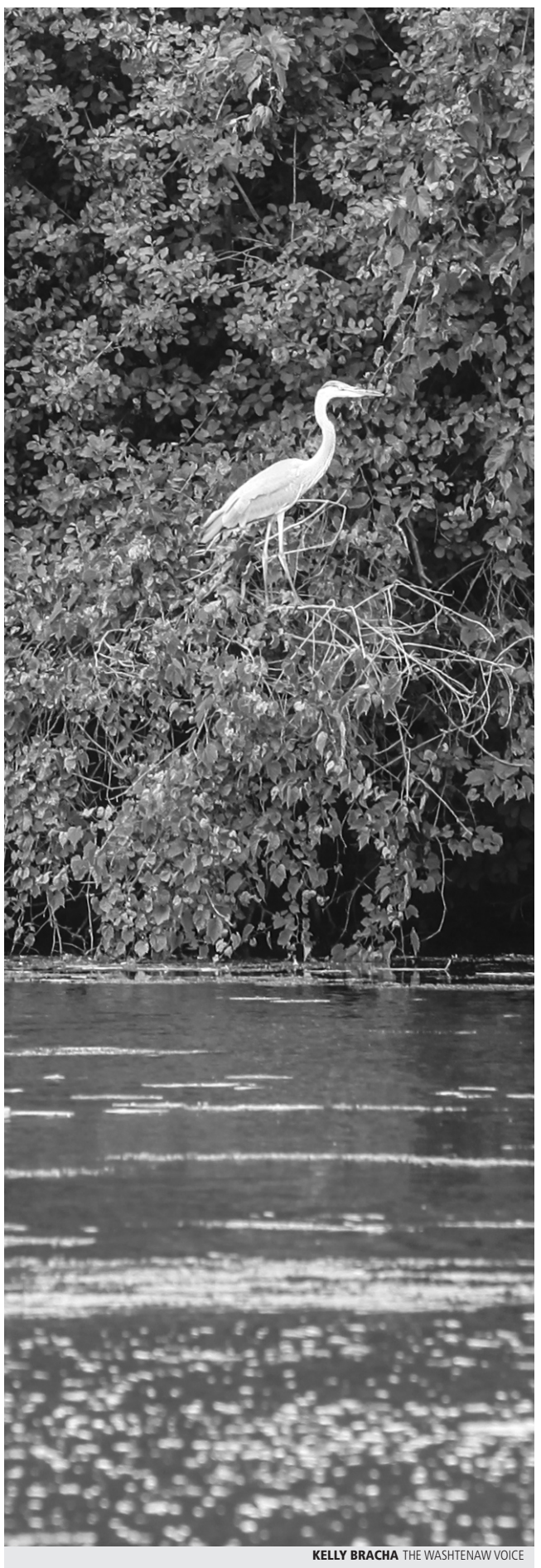
A live band led by John E. Lawrence played during the gathering for the Chinese Delegation's arrival at WCC.



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A Great Blue Heron stands on a branch over the river.

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Volunteers carrying buckets make their way to their canoes and kayaks to collect trash in the Huron River.

Clean Waters

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A lawn flamingo, frying pan and glass bottles are just a few of the items volunteers collected during the river clean-up.

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A dragonfly sits on a twig at Gallup Livery near the river.

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With the poor cell reception in the Student Center, some seek hope near the window for a signal.

AROUND CAMPUS

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After a mid-August storm, rainwater seeps down a drain in front of the Student Center.

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Students sit and wait to meet with a counselor.

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Broken and dismantled cars sit in Lot 2 for the Automotive Department.

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Students use the computers in the second floor of the Student Center to register for classes.

Second annual Ann Arbor Marathon up and running

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Joanna Elliot, Krissa Rumsey, Bryan Freeman and Michelle Machiele pose under the starting line. Roughly 3,500 runners participated in the second Ann Arbor Marathon.

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CJ Fulcher, 11, and Henry Cramer, 11, from Ann Arbor volunteered to cheer on runners as they neared the end of the race.

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Katie Jones, 26, of Ann Arbor, and her fiancé, Jeff Spence, 36, Ann Arbor, participate in the 5k. Spence proposed to Jones right before the race.

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The first group of runners makes its way past the starting line.

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A family of runners nearing the end of the 1.2-mile race and making their way to the finish line at Elbel Field.

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The Free Library at Frog Island in Depot Town

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Cross Street was bustling with fair-goers on Aug. 17 for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival.

Celebrating Ypsilanti Heritage

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New MiTrain cars sit on display at the Ypsilanti Freight House during the Ypsilanti Heritage Days festival. The cars will be used to run commuter train service between Ann Arbor and Detroit.

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U.S. Rep. John Dingell, right, with Ypsilanti Mayor Paul Schreiber talk about the proposed train service to Detroit.

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Fair-goers walk by artist booths at the South University Art Fair.

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A life-sized bear created from more than 60,000 welded nails is on display near State Street.

Fare Art

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Guy Frydenlund, 18, from Ann Arbor, plays a tune on a handcrafted 'Strumstick' invented by Bob McNally, who traveled from New Jersey to display his work in the Ann Arbor South University Art Fair.

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Nahru Lampkin AKA Bongo Man performs on State Street Lampkin is known for his performances during Michigan football games.

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Above: Despite deep water covering roads in late June, some motorists risk fording the flooded Huron River Drive.
Below: Flood water drains off from Huron River Drive, turning the greens at Huron Hills Golf Course into marshland.

Ford river, or caulk and float?

Heavy rains cause flooding and washouts in Washtenaw County.

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Severe rain runs off a driveway on Elmwood Drive, washing out part of the dirt road. The water continues to flow down the road and into Huron River Drive.

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Spectators enjoy the view of classic cruisers driving by on Woodward Avenue during the Dream Cruise.

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Fuzzy red dice hang from the mirror of a classic Chevy Impala.

WOODWARD AVENUE DREAM CRUISE

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Families sit alongside Woodward Avenue to watch the different types of cars drive by.

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Traffic halts at a red light. Cruisers are packed on the road from as far as Pontiac to Royal Oak.

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A sign shows which designated lanes cruisers should drive in.

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A man sits in the truck bed of an old yellow Chevy.